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## Citizen Potawatomi elections are on the schedule

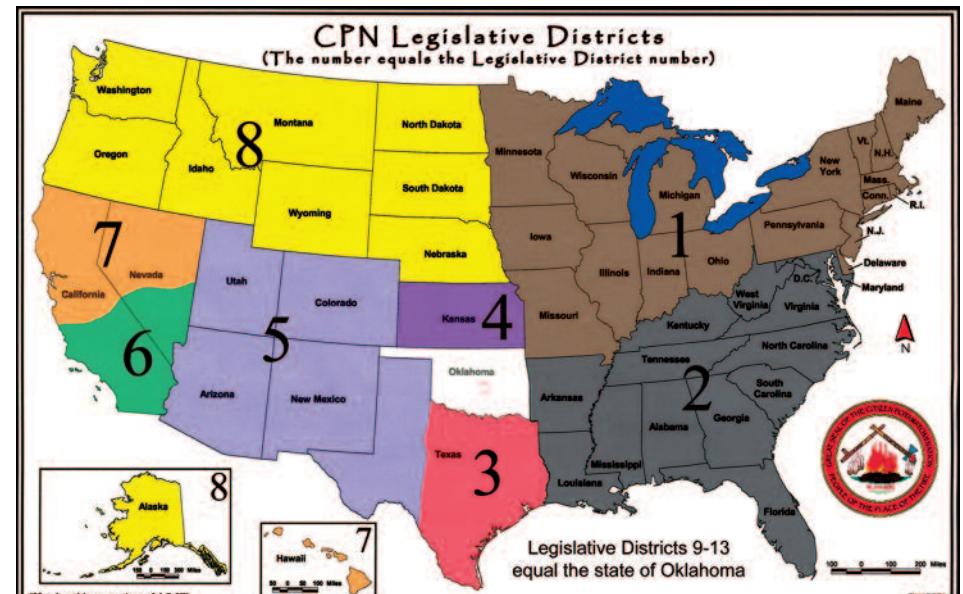
On Saturday, June 30, 2012, Citizen Potawatomi Nation voters will elect two members of their legislature – representatives for seats #9 and #12. The winners will serve new four-year terms. Candidates for these seats must live in Oklahoma. Only CPN members who are 18 or older as of Election Day and who reside in Oklahoma will be eligible to vote in the elections to fill the two seats.

The incumbents are Rep. Paul Wesselhoff in Seat #9 and Paul Schmidlkofer in Seat #12.

CPN members who would like to be considered for these positions must have their declarations of candidacy in the Election Committee's hands no later than Wednesday, January 11, 2012. These declarations of candidacy must be filed through the U.S. Postal Service.

Declaration of Candidacy forms for the legislative positions can be downloaded from this internet site: [www.cpnelection-central.org/resources.htm](http://www.cpnelection-central.org/resources.htm) or obtained from the CPN Public Information Office.

Candidates for the legislative seats must



Legislative Seats #9 and #12, held by Reps. Paul Wesselhoff and Paul Schmidlkofer, respectively, will be on the 2012 Citizen Potawatomi Nation ballot.

be at least 18 years old by Election Day. Additionally, they must have resided in the district from which they are elected, the State of Oklahoma, in this instance, for six months on Election Day. A map depicting

the eight legislative districts outside Oklahoma is included above. It is also available on the internet at the link mentioned previously.

The June election ballot will also contain the annual budget for spending interest and earnings from the Nation's Set-Aside Funds. Thus, all eligible CPN voters will participate in this election.

A Ballot Request Period will begin on March 1, 2012 and end on June 10, 2012. There will be in-person voting from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 30, 2012 at the courtroom in the CPN administration building, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801 for both positions and the Set-Aside Funds Budget.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Committee will mail Absentee Ballot Request Forms to all members who will be el-

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# Walking On

## Joyce M. Abel



Nursing at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City and graduated in 1956 as a Registered Nurse. She married Paul Abel on Dec. 21, 1956, in Waynoka, Oklahoma. Joyce lived in Guymon, Oklahoma and Pauls Valley, Oklahoma before moving back to Shawnee in 1958, where she had lived since then.

She was the Assistant Director of Nursing at Shawnee City Hospital and later became Director of Nursing at Shawnee Mission Hill Memorial Hospital. Joyce worked at Blue Bell Industries (Wrangler) as the Head of Health Services, later going to work for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, where she designed and directed their Health Services Clinic and CPN Wellness Center. She served CPN members as Director of the Health Aids Program, and was designing an Assisted Living Program.

Joyce Abel had worked for CPN for the past 30 years. She was proud of the fact that she delivered 96 babies during her career as a nurse.

Joyce was preceded in death by her father. She is survived by her husband, Paul, of the home; a daughter, Paula R. Abel of Shawnee; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Tina Abel and Michael Abel and Deena Harris, all of Shawnee; her mother, Opal Sullivan of Greenwood, Arkansas; a

brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Nancy Sullivan of Bethel Acres; a sister and brother-in-law, Sherri and Dub McCorkle of Greenwood, Arkansas; two grandchildren and their spouses, Christopher and Whitney Abel of Tecumseh and Lisa and Josh Hatler of Macomb, Oklahoma; five great-grandchildren, Kevin Dodd, Charles and Sarah Abel, and Hunter and Kayla Hatler; and many friends and family members.

Visitation began 9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 7 and continued through the time of the funeral service. Family gathered from 5 to 7 p.m. on September 7 to meet with friends. Mass of Christian Burial Service was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 8, at St. Benedict Catholic Church with Father Paul Zahler, O.S.B., officiating. Burial followed at Tecumseh Cemetery under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh. To share memories or to sign the guestbook online, go to [www.cooperfuneral.com](http://www.cooperfuneral.com).

## Robert Eugene 'Rob' Giffin III



Robert Eugene 'Rob' Giffin III, a descendant of the Melott Family, passed away on August 10, 2011 at the age of 39. After some major surgery, Rob was just too tired to come off the ventilator, and passed away just a few days later.

Rob was really dear to his family and

friends. He suffered a closed-head injury 22 years ago in a roll-over auto accident at the age of 16, just outside of Tucson, Arizona. Rob and his sister were on their way from Phoenix to Tucson to attend their grandfather's funeral. For an unknown reason, Rob's sister lost control of her truck, and it rolled off the interstate, ejecting Rob.

His sister was severely injured but miraculously made an almost full recovery. Rob wasn't quite so lucky. He sustained the closed-head injury that left him in a persistent vegetative state for the next 22 years. His mother and father couldn't see putting him in a nursing home, and brought him home to care for him.

Rob was such a fighter; he struggled to stay alive for those 22 years. There were a few times he had to go to the hospital due to congestion, and a possible slight pneumonia, but he always bounced back. One of Rob's uncles gave him a little sign that we always had displayed on the tray on his wheelchair. It said, "I've survived damn near everything," which we really do believe.

The surgeries and struggles he has made it through prove he was a real fighter and loved life. When someone would joke with Rob, or kid him, he would crack a smile, even in his vegetative state. So, we knew he was more aware than most doctors or nurses would admit.

Rob had a wheelchair van, and would go with his mother and father everywhere they went. He also had a motor home set up, so he could travel with them long distances. In fact, Rob got to travel all over the United States, visiting such places as Washington D.C., New Orleans, New York, even Niagara Falls. Rob got to go to Disneyland, Sea World, and up the West Coast to Seattle, Washington. Rob even got to go to one of the Annual Potawatomi Festivals in 2007.

Rob was a people person. He made friends easily before his accident, and touched a lot of hearts after his accident. Rob will live in our hearts forever. Everyone who knew Rob before his accident 22 years ago will always remember the laughter and joy he brought to their lives. After the accident, Rob might not have known the joy he brought to people's lives, especially

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his mother and father, for getting the chance to take care of him. But, it was real, nonetheless.

May Rob rest in peace forever.

### **Lu Ellis**



Lucille Marie (Whipple) Ellis of Magnolia, Texas, walked on on August 25, 2011. She was 80 years and six months old. At her bedside were her three children, a grandson, and her husband, John.

Lu, as everyone knew her, was born in Oilton, Oklahoma, the daughter of John Orville Whipple and Evelyn Lorraine (Holt) Whipple. Her Potawatomi families were the Ogees and Beaubiens.

Lu re-entered college at the age of 40 to pursue a dream, a degree in Fine Arts. Those four years were both a joy and a challenge.

Lu was an artist with a passion for painting and was a professional photographer as well. She enjoyed walking in the woods, being one with nature and her family. Lu served the tribe as Gulf Coast Regional Director from 1997 to 2008.

Lu was preceded in death by her parents, John and Evelyn Whipple, and her brother, Capt. John Dee Whipple, USAF Ret.

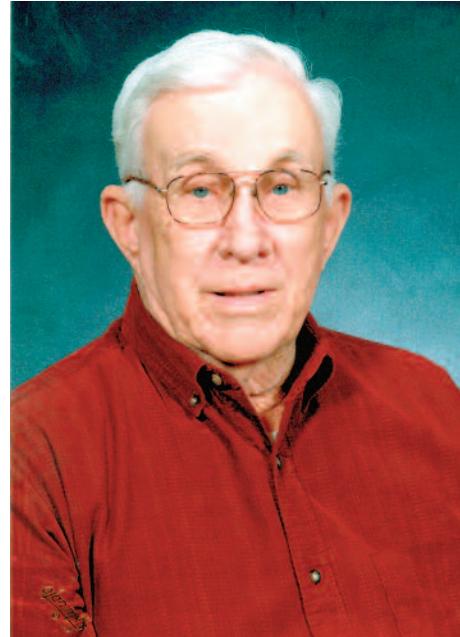
Lu is survived by her husband, John; two daughters, Nadiya Davis and her husband John and Vicki Crawford and her husband James; sons John Robert Ellis and Deborah Zal, Kris Ellis and his wife Sandy, and Bryan Ellis and his wife Sherie; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two

adopted sons, Noel R. Guest USN Ret. and Rex Freemont; and several nieces and nephews.

Lu was a beautiful Lady, both inside and outside, and a wonderful wife, friend, and Mother to all her family.

Her wishes were that her ashes be scattered at the Grand Canyon.

### **Billy Ray Madole**



Billy Ray Madole was born on February 1, 1933 in Shawnee, Oklahoma, the son of Robert and Odell (Stone) Madole. He walked on on died May 30, 2011 at the age of 78.

After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, Bill married Jacqueline Carpenter on June 9, 1962. They made their home together in Bethel Acres, Oklahoma for nearly 49 years, welcoming their son Robert in 1969.

Bill spent more than 30 years in government service at Tinker Air Force Base before retiring in 1987. He was an honored member of The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veterans Organization. He is remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to many.

Bill is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; his son and daughter in-law, Robert and Melissa; a granddaughter, Anneliese; his brother, Don; his sister, Mary Deathrage; and countless nieces and nephews.

The family was at the Walker Funeral Services funeral home in Shawnee Thursday, June 2 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to visit with friends. Funeral services and bur-

ial were held on Friday, June 3, 2011 at 2:00 pm at Blackburn Chapel in Bethel Acres.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Blackburn Chapel Baptist Church Building Fund.

### **Bill Madole**

by Larry Sparks

Bill was a Shawnee boy,  
This his genesis and life,  
He married a Shawnee girl, Jackie,  
his sweet wife.

It was shown in Bill's face,  
You heard it in his voice,  
Bill was a man of confidence,  
Who usually made the right choice.  
I suppose he could fix anything,  
Or he would surely give it a try;  
He would follow that work ethic,

To the very day he died.

He had been a soldier once,  
A flag is folded near his head;  
He was a man of spiritual values,  
Who meant just what he said.  
If you close your eyes a moment,  
Then listen, you can hear Bill's laugh,  
All he did for church and others  
We can only know the half!  
Bill paused for a second breath,  
And sat down in his easy chair;  
A gathering in arms of the angels,  
Bill went home as Christ drew near.  
Billy Ray Madole was a Christian man,  
From Bethel Acres to God's Gloryland.

### **Dorothy E. Boydston**



Dorothy E. Boydston, 85, of North Little Rock, Arkansas, passed away in Grapevine,

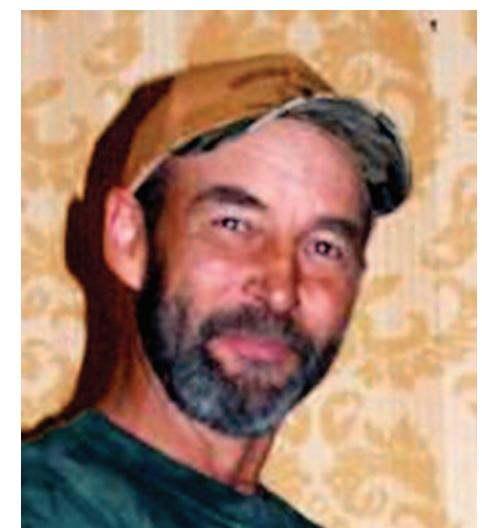
Texas, on July 4, 2011. She was born in Scott, Arkansas, and was the only daughter of Walter G. Wilson and Lillian (Smith) Wilson.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne H. Boydston.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Wayne G. Boydston and Lynda Boydston, and two grandsons, Adam and Michael Boydston.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2011 in Rest Hill Memorial Park in North Little Rock. The family received friends from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6 at North Little Rock Funeral Home, 1921 Main, in North Little Rock. The Rev. Marty Watson officiated. Online obituary and guest registry can be accessed at [www.nlrfh.com](http://www.nlrfh.com).

### **Gerold Theodore Cottrell**



Gerold Theodore Cottrell, 55, of Fairplay, Colorado, passed away at his home on Sunday, August 28, 2011. Gerold was born on January 14, 1956 in Lamar, Colorado the son of Nell (Hey) and the late Gilbert Cottrell.

Gerold's younger years were spent in the Vilas, Springfield, and Canon City, Colorado communities. He attended school in Springfield and Canon City.

He married Donna Samuelson, and they had a daughter, Cassidy. The family moved to Fairplay, where Gerold worked for the Colorado Highway Department. In 1991, Gerold married the love of his life, Cathy Maich. Gerold started his own business, Jewels Septic Service. At his passing, he worked for Allen Drilling Company.

Gerold loved the outdoors and was very  
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knowledgeable about the land and the animals that lived there. He enjoyed sharing his love of wildlife and nature. For years, he took young adult children hunting and fishing. Many of these young people were children of military fathers and mothers who were off defending our country.

Gerold was a member of the Rocky Mountain Roosters in Calhan, Colorado and the Safari Club International. His hobby of taxidermy became a dream when he opened Critters Taxidermy in Fairplay. There he enjoyed preserving the wildlife he so greatly loved.

Gerold was an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Oklahoma. Gerold was a grandson of the late Helen LaReau Hey. He was a LaReau-Bertrand-Higbee descendant. He was very proud of his Indian heritage.

Gerold leaves many to mourn his passing, including Cathy, his beloved wife, of the family home; his daughter Cassidy Canal and her husband Craig; his grandson Christopher; an unborn granddaughter, Cadence, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; his mother Nell Cottrell of Canyon City; his sister Lanell Bradfield and her husband Lon; his nephew Marlon Bradfield; his nieces, Erin Konkel and Megan Bradfield, of Penrose, Colorado; his stepsons, Ron Morris and family of Oklahoma, Brian Morris and family of Wyoming; and numerous other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gilbert Cottrell.

Gerold will live forever in our hearts and be missed by his family and friends.

***Joe Slavin***

Joe Slavin, a longtime resident of Burdett, Kansas, walked on peacefully at the age of 94 on August 29, 2011. One of 11 children, Joe was born on December 18, 1916, to parents James Slavin and Dellie Ott Slavin. He resided in Lexington, Oklahoma until age 16. At that time, after obtaining permission from his father, James Slavin, Joe hitchhiked throughout the United States panhandling and working his way from town to town doing odd jobs, to see the country. He enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1936 at age 20. There, he worked his way up to Senior Leader. He was discharged at the age of 23 - the age limitation for the CCC.

Joe was introduced to his soon-to-be



wife, Clara Faye Leaming, by his sister Alice while excelling in playing basketball. Joe and Clara Faye were married on September 13, 1941 in Dodge City, Kansas. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942 during WWII.

In the Army, he ended up as a Staff Sergeant in the 16th Armored Division. He was stationed in Kentucky prior to being sent to Germany, and was in Czechoslovakia when the war ended. After Joe was discharged from the Army, the Slavins lived in Greensburg and Liberal, Kansas before moving to Burdett, Kansas in 1953. They raised two sons in Burdett while he worked as a natural gas compressor station operator for 33 years before retiring from Northern Natural Gas Company.

Joe was proud of his Indian heritage, and was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Shawnee, Oklahoma. Joe participated in the placement of a commemorative marker on the Potawatomi Trail of Death of 1838 to honor his Grandmother, EQUA-KE-SEC, (Teresa Living). She was just six years old when she and family members were forced to walk from Indiana to northeast Kansas in 1838. She was one of approximately 800 survivors of the forced march to Kansas.

Joe was also an active member of the American Legion and the United Methodist Church. He was involved in the Burdett Senior Citizens Center, where he performed in skits and plays with the seniors. He also volunteered as kitchen help for the "Harvest" program once a month. Joe enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, and traveling

and was quite a prankster. He resided in Liberty, Texas for the final two years of his life. He was a devoted family member who was loved by all. He has left a vacancy in our lives but has left many memories for us to cherish.

Joe was preceded in death by both his parents, his loving wife of 54 years, and his brothers Roy Slavin, George Slavin, Bill Slavin, Frank Slavin, and Thomas Slavin and his half-brother John Meyers.

He is survived by siblings Bob Slavin, Jessie Slavin, Teresa Reed, and Alice Kilian; children Larry Slavin and his wife Mary, Danny Slavin and his wife Carolyn; seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 2, 2011 at the United Methodist Church in Burdett. Viewing preceded the funeral service for those who wished to attend. Burial with military honors by Fort Sill Army Base was at Forgan Cemetery in Forgan, Oklahoma at 3:30 p.m. on September 2.

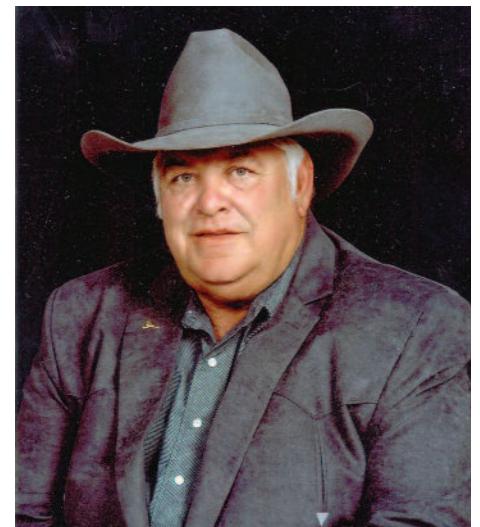
***Barbara Alice Pray***

Barbara Alice Pray was born on September 12, 1924 in Wichita, Kansas. She walked on on August 31, 2011 in Denver, Colorado at age 86.

A graveside service to commemorate Barbara Pray's life was held on Friday, September 9, 2011 at Crown Hill Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, Colorado at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Wayne Peterson officiated. Soloist Sonny Whiting sang "A Native American Blessing."

***Indian Serenity Prayer***

God, grant me the strength  
of eagles' wings,  
the faith and courage  
to fly to new heights,  
and the wisdom to rely  
on His spirit to carry me there.

***Cecil Rhoten 'Sonny' Gay Jr.***

Cecil Rhoten 'Sonny' Gay Jr. was born on February 2, 1951 in Freeport, Texas, the son of Cecil R. and Virgie Mae (Tumlinson) Gay. He went to be with the Lord on September 21, 2011 while at his home in Damon, Texas, surrounded by his family. He served on the Damon Water Department Board, always contributed to local benefits and organizations, supported his community, and coached Little League for several years and never missed a game.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Andel Gay; his son Brian Gay and his wife, Brenda of Damon; his daughters, Sandy Williams and Clint of Danbury, Texas, Tammy Rogge and Richard, Sally Kovar, and Jennifer Zwahr and her husband Philip Chumchal, all of Damon; his brothers, Wendell Gay and his wife Shannon and Michael Gay; his sisters, Patsy Sturdvant and her husband Hershel, Frances Stephens and her husband Bill; grandchildren, Mark and his wife Leah, Amber, Whitney, Kevin,

Kara, Carley, Collin, Victoria, Dylan, Cassie, Calvin Joe, Justin, and Jacob; great-grandchildren, Bryan, Jayden, Brayden, Jazlyne, and Eli; along with Aunt Pat and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Cecil Gay Sr. and Virgie Mae (Tumlinson) Gay; brother, Ronald Lynn Gay; sisters, Debbie Kay Gregory and Judy Meade; and nephew Bradey Lee Sturdivant.

Here in this world, Sonny never met a stranger and was known for his heart of gold. Sonny provided a Thanksgiving meal every year for anyone who showed up at Kathy's Country Kitchen. He said nobody should be without family, friends, and food on Thanksgiving. This meal was attended annually by hundreds of people. Some of these people, the family knew; some just needed a hot meal and a warm smile.

Sonny's whole family meant the world to him, especially his grandchildren. Nobody ever went without. He would give the shirt off of his back to help anyone. Everyone who knew Sonny knew love and a good man.

Viewing was on Friday, September 23, 2011 at Baker Funeral Home in West Columbia, Texas from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with funeral services on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Brazoria First Assembly of God church with the Rev. Dale Frankum officiating.

Services were under the direction of Baker Funeral Home in West Columbia. Online condolences may be left for the family by signing the guestbook at [www.bakerfuneralhome.net](http://www.bakerfuneralhome.net).

**To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard, contact Herb Holton at 405-598-5984 or e-mail him at [herb39h@valornet.com](mailto:herb39h@valornet.com).**



## CPN MEMBER WRITES TONE-KEI BOOK

Fulfilling a lifelong dream, Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Holly Davis has published her first book, and it is nearing a second edition. Davis (CPN/Chippewa Cree from Turtle Mountain) was chosen to produce a biography of ultra-popular pow wow announcer Sammy 'Tone-Kei' White, a Kiowa and Oklahoma native.

Tone-Kei has been voted best emcee for the last three years by the readers' poll of the Oklahoma Indian Times. He recently emceed the Gathering of Nations Powwow in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He began powwow emceeing in 1968 and has emceed in 31 states including Hawai'i and Alaska, as well as in Canada, Tahiti, Mexico, and New Zealand,

At "Best of the West Reviews" at [www.CowboyPoetry.com](http://www.CowboyPoetry.com), reviewer Rick Huff described the bio in glowing terms: "A less balanced or enlightened human than Tone-Kei (Ton-Kee-eye) might have withered before the personal hardships he has faced. But Tone-Kei's spirit soars on. The book's subheading reads "A Storehouse of Memories, Historic Speeches, Indian Folk Tales and Empowerments from a Celebrated Kiowa Elder." It's more than that. There are moments in this book that made every cell of my being yell 'YES!!'"

"This book encourages other American Indians to be visible and to be their own answer to prayer," said Keith Vasquez, a Kiowa Tribe spokesman. "Intertwined between Tone-Kei's riveting biography are excerpts from his journal that is full of culture, speeches, vignettes, and fables."

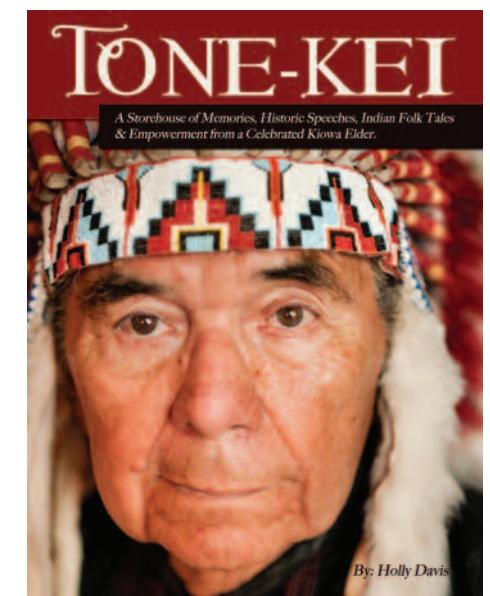
Many of the book's sections are taken from Tone-Kei's personal journal and his 1970s era columns from the Oklahoma (City) Journal. They generally ended with "I have spoken," honoring a custom practiced by great Indian leaders of the past.

Davis is a native Oklahoman who says that she was born with a pen in her hand ... or, at least, who picked up a pen shortly thereafter. Living in Las Vegas, Nevada now, she is a happily married, full-time mother of four young children with one on the way. She can remember sitting for hours writing after she had become old enough to take pen to paper. She would write poems and stories and has always kept a journal. She considers herself a storyteller.

When she is not writing in her spare



Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Holly Davis has her first book available through [www.GoodMedicineRanch.com](http://www.GoodMedicineRanch.com).



By Holly Davis

I have always been encouraged to write more because my writing was found to be entertaining."

As she was in the midst of writing the book, Davis would do deep-breathing in order to relax. "I did yoga, I called out to God, and I listened repeatedly to a song called, 'The Lakota Women's Power Song,'" Davis recalled.

The song did not have decipherable lyrics for her, yet she could feel the power of an Indian woman who was able to sustain her family's existence with nothing familiar except the blanket on her back. "That song made me feel better about the long journey I was on, and that I was not alone in the attempts to forge through new ground," Davis said. "I did it. I made it, and I am proud of myself."

Tone-Kei is Book softbound and retails for \$19.95. It is available through Davis' website at [www.goodmedicineranch.com](http://www.goodmedicineranch.com) or by calling her at 702-217-5632.



CPN member implements modern policing methods across Chickasaw Nation

## O'Neal earns second “Police Chief of the Year” Award

A Citizen Potawatomi Nation member has become the first to earn the prestigious Chief of Police of the Year award twice. Jason O’Neal received the award during the national conference of the National Native American Law Enforcement Association (NNALEA) in Las Vegas, September 20-22, 2011. Previously, he earned the award in 2008.

O’Neal is the only chief the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police has had since its re-formation in 2004. O’Neal, who is still just 35 years old, has spearheaded cross-deputation efforts throughout the state and nation, including inking a cross-deputation agreement in 2007 with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics (OBN). This agreement is the first of its kind between an American Indian police department and a state law enforcement agency. “There is probably no police agency in the state of Oklahoma, bar none, that is better run than this group of Lighthorse policemen,” OBN Director R. Darrell Weaver, said.

O’Neal began assuming responsibility for important work early. At a point in life at which typical young people his age were attending college classes, his responsibilities included making sure there were no explosives in the areas the U.S. president might be visiting. O’Neal graduated from Ada, Oklahoma High School in 1994. He began his law enforcement career in 1995 as a military police canine handler in the Marine Corps. During his four years in the Marines, one of his duties was to work with the U.S. Secret Service to ensure the safety of the president and other dignitaries visiting the area to which he was assigned.

In 2004, the then-28-year-old O’Neal took on the daunting task of building a new police department - the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police - from the ground up. “Jason is doing a tremendous job as Chief



*Chickasaw Police Chief Jason O’Neal’s family includes, from left, Tristen (8), wife Heather, Harley (10), Lana (6), and Justice (12). The puppy is Shadow.*

of the Lighthorse Police Department,” said Governor Bill Anoatubby. “From the first day on the job, he has proven he has what it takes to be successful in this very demanding job.”

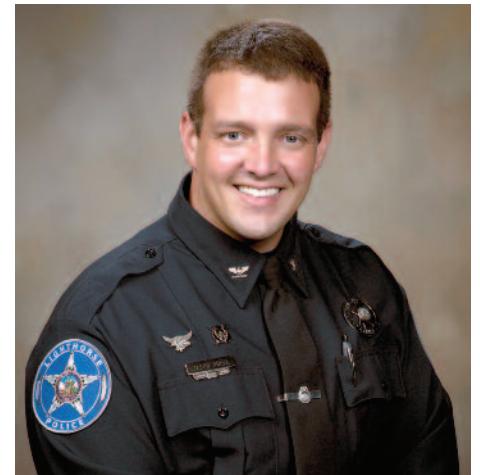
The department initially assumed the role of the Bureau of Indian Affairs police department, which, at the time, consisted of four officers who covered more than 7,648 square miles within the Chickasaw Nation. Now, seven years later, the department has grown to include 30 employees. Sixteen are uniformed officers, seven are dispatchers, and three are investigators. There are two

captains, an administrative assistant, and an assistant chief.

The department provides 24-hour dispatch, and features some highly specialized teams including a Special Weapons and Tactical (SWAT) team, an investigations unit, and a dive team.

Lighthorse Police headquarters are located at 1130 West Main in Ada, Oklahoma.

Chief O’Neal began his law enforcement career in 1995 as a Military Police Canine Handler in the United States Marine Corps during which he handled both narcotic and explosive detector dogs. During this time



he was assigned to operations with the U.S. Secret Service on executive protection throughout California and Nevada.

He worked as a Supervisory Police Officer in the United States Department of the Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs for six years. During this assignment he was responsible for enforcement of federal, state, and tribal laws throughout a number of reservations in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, and Oklahoma.

Chief O’Neal is a member of the Oklahoma District Attorney’s Council - Violence Against Women Grant Board, the National Native American Law Enforcement Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Oklahoma Sheriff’s and Peace Officer’s Association. He is an Executive Board member of the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police and is an Oklahoma Gubernatorial appointee to the state’s Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training.

The National Native American Law Enforcement Association is a non-profit organization founded in 1993 in Washington, D.C. and incorporated in the state of Delaware.

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igible to vote in the 2012 election. Additionally, to assist in CPN voters’ obtaining an absentee ballot, a Ballot Request Form will be published in future editions of the *HowNiKan*. It, too, is posted on the internet at the link above.

Voters who wish to cast absentee ballots can obtain an absentee ballot by mailing

back the postage-paid request form that will be mailed to them, clipping the request form from the *HowNiKan* and mailing it to the Election Committee, or downloading it from the website and completing and mailing it to Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

Voters who cast an absentee ballot will not be able to vote in-person in Shawnee on June 30, 2012. However, if a voter obtains an Absentee Ballot then decides to vote in person, the Election Committee can verify whether the absentee ballot has been returned. If it has not been, the member will be allowed to vote in-person.

Voters should remember that the Ballot Request Form must be postmarked no later than June 10, 2012. Voted absentee ballots must arrive in the Election Committee’s post office box in Tecumseh, Oklahoma no later than 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 30, 2012.

# New Citizen Potawatomi Nation Enrollees

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation welcomes these new members, whose enrollment was approved by the CPN legislature at its Spring 2011 session. With these new enrollees and those approved at the legislative session on September 18, 2011, the Nation's membership is now about 29,700.

Riley Drew Abbott, Robert Ellis Alvaro, Austin Riley Anderson, Brittany Danielle Anderson, Lucius Bostick Douglas Arrasmith, Aaron James Ball Jr., Aundre Dwayne Beaty, Darren Dewayne Beaty, and Derrek Ryan Behrens.

Christian Nathan Biagi, Ethan James Black, Clinton Beau Blackwood, Harlow Krozbi Mae-Anna Bland, Mickey Ellen Blanton, Benton James Bray, Jordan Jacob Breckenridge, Anthony James Brice, and Anthony James Brice II.

Brandy Lynn Brinkman, Mason Drew Brinson, Yvonne Michele Brown, Darius Jamell Bruno-McBride, Devon James Bruno-McBride, Colt Ryan Bussell, Christy Renée Butler, Anthony James Cammisa, and Regina Ann Burns.

Joseph Pablo Capistran, Alicia Lea Cardenas, McKenna Lea Cardenas, Nicholas Quinn Cardenas, Brianna Danielle Corriveau, Cree Paul Corriveau, Heather Dawn Corriveau, Kiana Marie Corriveau, Connor Emmett Couch, Hunter Ralph Couch, Trevor Sullivan Couch, and Tyler Christopher Couch.

Azhenniy Luhmiinarri Cuore, Azariah Michael Davis, Tyler Clayton Dees, Ty Phillip Dees, Charisse Brianne Delk, Bailey Alison de Mik, Jordan Robert de Mik, Peyton Macie de Mik, Robert Kent de Mik, Sienna Delainee de Mik, and Caleb Tai Dinh.

Christian Alexander Draper, Zachary Chase Emert, Jacqueline Michele Fee, Samuel Graham Fitzgerald, Jean Elizabeth Flechel, Laney K Flippo, Brakell Christine Fortie, Kathryn Ann Foutz, Taylor Katherine Foutz, Jacob James Foutz, and Jesse Joel Foutz.

Vanessa Marie Garcia, Teran Ray Goodwin, Malia Kae Gregson, Ben Watson Grider, Macie Layne Grizzle, Morgan Alexis Grizzle, Carolyn Vaun Gross, Adreanna Rose Guess, Cicilia Mae Guess, and Faith Lynn Guzman.

Benjamin Gregory Hall, Cheyenne Louise Hall, Katelyn Emily Hall, Megan Lena Hall, Jacob Timothy Harcksen, Saige

Alene Harcksen, Samantha Grace Harcksen, Sarah Kaylene Harcksen, and Zachary Thomas Harcksen.

Bailey Dawn Harris, Tripp Ryan Hayes, Alexandra Marquis Heffron, John Patrick Heffron, Michelle Katherine Heffron, Mary Elsie Hicks, Derek Morrison Houpt, Gage Tucker Hulett, Bryan Glenn Hunt, and Julia Dominique Ice.

Emma Zachery Alexander Imus, Heather Leslie Jackson, Bailey Alexis Jenks, Emily Brianna Jenks, Keith Godwin Jenks, Casey Joe Johnson, Jessica Ann Johnson, Aiden Ann Kester, Avery Ann Kester, Karoline Sioux Kilpin, and Peyton Leigh Lachance.

Cheyenne Nicole Larman, Raeanne Michelle Larman, Madison Kayleen LaRue, Ryder Lee-Jack Laughlin, Rebecca Rhea LeClair, Sherri Lynne LeBlonde, Hunter Jackson Lerma, Dominic Robert Llamas, and Gunner William Lott.

Ryan Anthony Lujan, Marion Matthew Lybarger, Madeline Louise MacKenzie, Stella Avery Marsh, David Wayne Martin, Noelle Jolie Laird McLean, Preston Jack Medina, Coren Austin Melott, Jeffrey Victor Minch, and Hunter Paul Minch.

Cheryl Rene Montantes, Valentina Joyce Moore, Brandon Scott Motley, Marshal Scott Motley, Mason Keith Nicholas, Shelton Thomas Alan Normandea, Hunter Nathaniel Grady Normandea, Nicholas Kyle O'Hara and Melissa Renee Olson.

Ciara Caylee Christine Olson, Ethan Michael Overbey, Shawn Michael Owens, Tracy Leigh Owens, Eli James Paine, Alexandra Lee Painter, Aiden Bradley Paulson, Stephen Victor Pedersen, Monty Ward Pedersen, and Aliona Marie Penniston.

Megan Renae Piper, Raphael Eugene Potts III, Theresa Marie Preece, Laughlin William Robert Prentice-Gay, Laynie Elizabeth Ray, Austin Wesley Rhoades, Halleck George Richardson III, Lindsey Michelle Richey, and Madilynn Nicole Roberts.

Devon Lamont Roush, Randall Charles Roysdon Jr., Landon Gabriel Sasser, Faith Isabelle Savory, Clayton Jeffrey Schaible, Jayden Ray Schaible, Cole Michael Schemel, Cooper James Schemel, Michelle Lynn Schemel, and Dillon Ray Seymour.

Aretta Dawn Seymour, Alana Lauren Sheldon, Grace Marie Shelinbarger, Kevin William Simmons, Brandy Emeline Smith, Brody Dean Smith, Emeline Sherie Nicole

Smith, Jedidiah Adam Smith, Britney Marie Speer, and Noah Kristian Stickler.

Sawyer Lane Stites, Madison Rylee Tally, Aniston Marie Tannehill, Andrew Charles Tate, Colby Tate, Nicholas Tanner Tate, Sierra Skye Tate, Wende Suzanne Tate, Brendon Karas Tatum, Desirée Brook Thompkins, and Alanna Elaine Tocco.

Christopher Alexander Tocco, Andrew Jacob Turk, Brittany Claire Turner, Braden Keith Turner, Sylis Glenn Joseph Vetter, Jeffrey Todd Whaley, Kevin Michael Whaley, Starla Lynn Williams, Morgan Shae Wise, Lexie Nicole Wolfe, Reece Sebastian Wolfe, and Madison Renae Wright.

Lisa Marie Wurm, Rebecca Marie Wurm, Michael David Wurm, Kyle Bradley Wurm, Ava Camille Young, Olivia Camille Young, Cheryl Anne Zimmerman, Brent Austin Zimmerman, and Elizabeth Ann Zimmerman.

These new CPN members' enrollment was approved at the September 18, 2011 legislative session: Ethan Cooper Adams, Christine Bernice Albert, Maguire Grace Amundsen, Olivia Katherine Amundsen, and Makayla Gale Anderson.

Morgan Jane Masri Andes, Jordyn Brielle Barfield, Cassandra Marie Beasley, Maicee Rae Berry, Aubree Dawn Bishop, Maddie Claire-Joan Bodine, Taylor Jane Bonilla, Jude Alexander Bontrager, Cailei Kathleen Boone, and Kambria Noel Boone.

Sydney Reece Boone, Brittany Ann Braugh, Scott Stephen Braugh, Katelyn Jo Darlene Breeze, Brett Michael Brown, Jeremy Daniel Brown, Joshua Clinton Brown, Katie Sophia Brown, Luke James Bruner, and Marissa Kate Bruner.

Analeah Love Bruno, Cole Wilson Buckmaster, Christel Rani Burgett, Caleb Matthew Bruns, Cole Isaac Burns, Terra Ann Burns, Aubree Nichole Byler, Kuhlin D'Leh Keith Byler, Paisley Grace Byler, Chloe Noelle Byler, and Flora Gene Cahill.

Casey Jo Cain, Jeran Elizabeth Cameranesi, Shane Christopher Cameranesi, Gracelynn Joy Campbell, Preston Cole Cantrell, Tripp Lee Carroll, Jacy Estelle Cartmill, Jerry Earl Cartmill Jr., Erica Helen Loyd Caster, and Nicholas Aaron Caster.

Toby Luke Cawyer, Heston Randel Chandler, Adam Dov Charnin-Aker, Alyssa McKynzi Cheatwood, Zachary Taylor Chesnut, Dylan Tyler Chrismer, Ayden

Martin Christian, Timothy Lee Clapp, Kylie LeAnn Clemens, Dominic Rocco Colarco, and Gabriella Rose Colarco.

Sean Matthew Collins, Gabriel Tucker-Lee Cooke, Carter Shaun Cope, Sophia De Christopher, Sierra Nichelle Deckert-Martin, Amber Dawn Dees, Kyle Phillip Deeds, KatLynn Lydia DeVader, Roslyn Francis Dewitt, and Maci Marie Dickison.

Zachary Brennan Dockins, Kennedy Leann Duke, Presley Danielle Duke, Nena Carol Dunahay, Caroline Irene Dye, Scarlet Alizabeth Edmondson, Langston Hazzard Ellison, Jaelynn Rene Engelken, Tegan Bree Fawcett, and Gunnar Glenn Fenimore.

Sabree LeeAnn Fenimore, AleJandra LeAnn Fernandez, Estrella Amor Fernandez, Adre'Anna Hipolita Fernandez-Chavez, SyMona Jo Fernandez-Chavez, Aiden Keith Fox, Weston Martin Fox, and Colleen Renae Fredenburg.

Danielle Lauren Fredenburg, Ashley Dawn Fry, Dylan Van Fry, Mateo Andoni Garmendia, Addyson Kay Garver, Blake Don Ray Gibler-Fowler, Quailan DéShayn Marquez Gibler-Fowler, Ava Lee Gibson, and Meghan Elizabeth Christina Giessl.

Tammy Ann (Lipsey) Gish, Angelina Frances Gonzales, Steven Bud Goodin, Logan Lee Green, Bobby James Gregory, Dusti Lea Gregory, Kaitlyn Brooke Grider, Shelby Lynn Grider, Quentin Xai Happy Cloud, and Jacob Thomas Hardin.

Kyla Nicole Harmon, Brycen Lee Harrison, Kalin Daniel Heim, Kasey James Heim, Ian Daniel Herriman, Josephine Corrina Hinton, Michael Donavon Hladky-Bailey, Ray Li Hoggard, Lindsey Nicole Holeman, and Madison Elise Holman.

Cade Andrew Holmes, Tyson Douglas Holmes, Zachary Jacob Holmes, Ashley Marie Holt, Hannah Holt, Claire Elizabeth Honnecutt, Jacob Tyler Hopcus, Gabrielle Marie Hope, Jayden Michael Hopkins, Aiden Merrick Hubble, Alyssa Marie Hunt, and Finley Caroline Idol.

Bernadette Therese Immenschuh, Emily Agnes Immenschuh, Joseph Matthew Immenschuh, Blake Thomas Janson, Kalina Marie Janson, Krystal Beth Janson, Jaci Paige Jefferson, Jori Marie Jefferson, Earlyn Deann Jennings, Amy Michelle Johnson, and Katherine Rose Kasselman.

Christen Brooke Kelley, Kollyn Wade  
*See NEW ENROLLEES on page 19*

# Potawatomi Language Department

Bozho, Bodewadmik (Hello, Potawatomi),

This year, the annual Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Language Symposium was held at Mystic Lake Casino in fabulous downtown Pryor Lake, Minnesota, home of the Shakopee Sioux. Sam Navarre and I (Randy Schlachtun) represented the Citizen Potawatomi Language Department. While there, we were asked to share a presentation regarding Language Outside the Classroom as part of the Language Symposium.

The best part about these symposiums is the opportunity to learn from other tribes and to hear so many other Native Languages spoken. There was representation from Hawai'ian Nations, the Lakota and Dakota Sioux, the Inuit and Ojibwe, and Guam, as well as fellow tribes from Oklahoma like the Sac and Fox and Eu-chee. It is pretty cool when you hear words that are similar to ours spoken by people from other tribes across North America. You start to feel the connection the Potawatomi have with the tribes from our ancestral lands.

There were several breakout sessions from which to choose. We decided to listen to a council member of the Athabascan Inuit Tribe from central Alaska speak about the success of their language program over the past seven years. They have developed a textbook which is used in local secondary schools as well as by members of their community to sharpen their Native language skills. Several members of their expanded community have also chipped in works of art and literature of their own, strengthening the use of language in their homes and community.

We were asked to do an addendum presentation during the following breakout session. Our lead presenter was a Hawai'ian gentleman named Kalehua

Krug. His lesson focused on the negative aspects of language in the community. In contrast to our situation with the language, the Hawai'i ans have many speakers of their language. One of the problems Mr. Krug sees is the development of new terms to replace old ones. To him, this is destruction of traditional language. It is creating division between the elders and the youth.

Any time you create division between your youth and elders, you are surely going to lose chunks of your culture. Some wisdom we heard from Mr. Krug included the quotes, "Survival is for our people, not our language; language is utilized to reinvigorate our people" and "Through the introduction of language, we must find time to teach the cultural importance of silence." To say the least, we are now big Kalehua Krug fans.

Because of the somber tone of Mr. Krug's presentation, it was easy for us to lighten the room. Our presentation concerned Language Outside the Classroom. We focused on the creation of the language components of our website and our garden behind the daycare. For those of you who are unaware, we have several language aids available at [www.potawatomihertiage.org](http://www.potawatomihertiage.org), and we also worked on a garden with the kids this summer. However, due to the intense heat, we didn't have a lot of success in terms of production this growing season.

All in all, it was a good presentation and Language Symposium. Perhaps in the future, they will ask us to be the lead presenters; we would welcome the opportunity. Additionally, we would like to invite everyone to be sure and check out our website and download the language aids. Even if you can't speak the language fluently, it is good to learn a few words that can be used in our daily lives.

## Visit the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center

**1899 S. Gordon Cooper Drive - Shawnee, Oklahoma**

**Call 405-878-5830 - Sunday & Monday: Closed  
Tuesday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

## POTAWATOMI LANGUAGE LESSONS

### Getting to Know Someone

*Ni je ezh ne kasyen? - What is your name? (Nee juh ezh nuh kahs yin)  
*Justin ndezhnekas. - My name is Justin. ( Justin ndehzh nukahs)*  
*Ni je ezhne kasot? - What is his/her name? ( Nee juh ezh nuh kahs oht)*  
*Cindy zhenkaso - She is called Cindy. (Cindy zhin kahsoe)*  
*We ni je o? - Who is that? (Way nee juh oh)*  
*We ni je gin? - Who are you? (Way nee juh geen)*  
*Gkknenmen ne? - Do I know you? (Gkkinenmen nay)*  
*Gkknenma ne o kwe? - Do you know that woman? (Gkkinmah nay oh kway)*  
*Gkknenma ne o nene? - Do you know that man? (Gkkinmah nay oh nuhnay)*  
*Konege, Nene nkkenma. - Yes I know that man. (Koenugay, nuhnay nkkimah)*  
*Ehheh, Kwe nkkenma. - Yes I know that woman. (eh heh, kway nkinmah)*  
*Nmeshomes yawa. - He is my grandfather (Nmishohmis yaway)*  
*Nitawes yawa. - He/she is my cousin. (Neetahwis yaway)*  
*Ni pi je wech byayen? - Where do you come from? (Nee pee ju wech byah yin)*  
*Kansas City, Missouri ndoch bya. - I come from Kansas City. (Kansas City, Missouri ndoech byah)*  
*Shawnee, Oklahoma Nde-da. - I live in Shawnee, Oklahoma. (Shawnee, Oklahoma ndeh dah)*  
*Shote ndnes ode wzho pi. - I am hanging around here right now. (Show-tuh ndnus odu joe pee)*  
*Ni pi je wech byat o kwe? - Where does that woman come from? (Nee pee juh wech byaht oh kway)*  
*California wje bya. - She comes from California. (California wjuh byah)*  
*Cho nmetsena. - I don't know. (Choe nmet sin nah)*  
*Ni pi je emikchewiyen? - Where do you work? (Nee pee juh ehmeekchuweeyin)*  
*Cho nmikchewisi. - I don't work. (Chon meekchuhwesee)*  
*Nebyeget ndaw. - I am a secretary. (Neh byeh get ndow)*  
*Mshkekiwnene ndaw. - I am a doctor? Mshkuh kee oh nunay ndow)*  
*Kenomagwet ndaw. - I am a teacher. (Ken oh magwet ndow)*  
*Mzhenkiwnene ndaw. - I am a police officer. (Mzhin kee oh nuhnay ndow)**

### Common greetings

*Bozho - hello (more formal but commonly used today) (Bow jo)*  
*Haw- hello more informal (How or Ho)*  
*Ni je na? - How are you? (Nee juh nah)*  
*Ni je ezh bmadzeyen? - How are you living? (Nee juh ezh bmahd zuh yin)*  
*Ndeyekwes. - I am tired. (ndeh yuck wus)*  
*Anwe she shena. - I am fine (more of a southern word) (Anway shuh shunah)*  
*I zhe anwe. - I am fine. (more of a northern word) (EE zhuh anwuh)*  
*Nmnop mades. - I am living well. (Nmnohp mahdes)*  
*Ndevkwe. - I have a headache. (Ndow kway)*  
*Ndaknoga. - I am sick. (Ndahk no gah)*  
*Nyabyetes. - I am lazy. (Nyahb yetes)*  
*Nkipkosh. - I am sleepy. (Nkeep kosh)*  
*Gin je. - And you? (Geen juh)*  
*Ni je eshchegeyen? - What are you doing? (Nee juh esh chu gay yen)*  
*Mno waben. - Good morning (Mno wahbin)*  
*Mno gishnawkwe. - Good afternoon (Mno geesh now kway)*  
*Mno dbeket. - Good night (Mno dbuh ket)*  
*Bama pi - Later on (Bahmah pee)*  
*Bama mine. - Later again (Bahmah meenuh)*  
*Bama mine ngoji. - Later again somewhere. (Bahmah meenuh ngo jee)*  
*Bama mine kowabmen. - I will see you again. (Bahmah meenuh kowahbmen)*

## YOUR CPN LEGISLATOR NEEDS YOU!

If you are a CPN member and would like to receive regular e-mailings of information from your Citizen Potawatomi Nation legislator, please send him or her an e-mail. Please include your name, e-mail address, home phone number, cell phone number, and street address.

## Tribal Area Gatherings Schedule

### Kansas

**Saturday, October 29, 2011**  
 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.,  
**Citizen Potawatomi Nation**  
 Community Center  
 806 Nishnabe Trail  
 Rossville, KS 66533  
 Ph: 785-584-6401



### Southern California

**Saturday, November 12, 2011**  
 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.,  
**Agua Caliente Casino**  
 Resort Spa  
 32-250 Bob Hope Drive  
 Rancho Mirage, CA 92270  
 Ph: 888-999-1995  
*The hotel is holding a small block of rooms for attendees.*  
 RSVP to 800-880-9880 or  
**JMoucka@potawatomi.org** no later than November 4, 2011

### Texas

**Sunday, November 20, 2011**  
 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Hyatt Regency Lost Pines**  
 Resort and Spa  
**575 Hyatt Lost Pines Road**  
 Lost Pines, TX 78612  
 Ph: 512-308-1234  
 RSVP to 800-880-9880 or  
**JMoucka@potawatomi.org** no later than November 11, 2011

### Districts #1 and #2

Dist. #1 Rep. Roy Slavin and  
 Dist. #2 Rep. Eva Marie Carney will host a tribal gathering at the Hilton in Parsippany, New Jersey on December 3, 2011.  
 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 Lunch will be provided.  
 Hilton Parsippany  
 One Hilton Court  
 Parsippany, NJ  
 Ph: 973-267-7373  
 RSVP to 800-880-9880 or  
**JMoucka@potawatomi.org** no later than November 24, 2011

## CPN Veterans Organization

The Nation would like to include all Citizen Potawatomi veterans on our Wall of Honor. Our Veterans' Memorial honors both the living and those who have passed on. WE also want to ensure that all CPN members who have served their country in the Armed Forces are included in upcoming events that honor our veterans or provide needed information to them.

As Citizen Potawatomis, U.S. citizens, and fellow veterans, we deeply appreciate their service and want to see to it that is recognized at every appropriate opportunity.

If you are an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and are a veteran or if your CPN family member is (or was) a veteran, please take the time to make sure that the member/veteran's sacrifice is remembered.

Contact the CPN Veterans Wall of Honor, 1899 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801-8699 for more information. Or, you can call Stacy Coon at 800-880-9880 or e-mail her at [Stacy.Coon@Potawatomi.org](mailto:Stacy.Coon@Potawatomi.org).



**Be a part of Citizen Potawatomi History!  
 Tell your story for future generations....**

**The CPN Tribal Heritage Project would like to interview you and hear your family's story, from you, our tribal elders.**

**The Tribal Heritage Project will be in Kansas on Saturday, October 29th and Sunday October 30th for the Kansas Regional Meeting**

**For more information, please contact your CPN Legislator!**

# Legislative Columns

## District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho Nikan,

The Gathering of Potawatomi Nations this past August, was one of the major highlights of my year, as it is every year. I viewed this one viewed from an entirely new perspective. An explanation is in order: Chairman John Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps, who normally represent the Nation at the Gathering, were both unavailable. As a result and because I am the elder of the group, my fellow legislators elected me to stand in for the chairman as the CPN representative.

Now for the different perspective, normally when I attend a Gathering, I enjoy the great food, the company of other CPN members, meeting new people from the other nations, and all the festivities of a powwow. As the stand-in for the chairman, I did all these things. Additionally, I attended business meetings with the other tribal leaders. And, therein lies the difference. These leaders are an impressive group of men and women. Our Chairman and Vice Chairman are much respected by all. Be assured our nation and the other eight Potawatomi nations are in good hands.

Immediately after the Gathering, my wife and I went on a cruise through the inland waterway to Alaska. I mention this because one of the stops was at Sitka, Alaska, where we visited the Alaska Raptor Center. This is much like the aviary the Nation has on the drawing board. The Alaska Raptor Center is Alaska's only full-service avian hospital and educational facility.

Each year they treat between 100 and 200 wild birds with injuries ranging from gun-shot wounds to collisions with cars, emaciation, and electrocution. They are able to release many of the birds they treat back into the wild. For others, their injuries require extensive rehabilitation.

The Alaska Raptor Center has a state-of-the-art bald eagle flight training facility that opened in 2003. There, they can fly the birds in a controlled setting for long distances to help them regain the muscle strength they need for flight and survival in the wild. I pray our aviary will be able to provide the same care and treatment that



this facility provides. For more on this, go to [www.alaskaraptor.org](http://www.alaskaraptor.org). Be sure to click on "Meet the Birds."

On another note that is near and dear to my heart, I received an e-mail that I will copy verbatim except for the names. Dear Mr. Slavin and Mr. (Charles) Clark, I have been a student of the Frontier Community College nursing program in Fairfield, Ill. the past two years. I have received the \$1500 CPN scholarship on two occasions to help with my tuition this past school year. I am sending my sincere appreciation for this help with my education. The end of May 2011, I graduated from the RN program at my school. I passed the Illinois registered nursing boards in August. I now work as an RN at our nursing home in my



*Anna Comadoll*

home town of Fairfield, Ill. This scholarship helped me meet my goal of becoming a registered nurse. Thank you. Please pass my thanks on to others involved with the CPN scholarship program.

I have also received a thank you card from Anna Comadoll -in her own handwriting- thanking me for the flowers and many cards she received on her 96th birthday. Thank you everyone who sent cards. On that note: If someone in your family has reached his or her 90th birthday or more,

please let me know so we can honor them on their special day. Remember our elders are our most important asset.

I will end this article as always with a reminder that, if you don't receive e-mail or regular mail from me and would like to do so, please send contact information to [rslavin@potawatomi.org](mailto:rslavin@potawatomi.org) or Roy Slavin, 6730 Tower Dr., Kansas City, MO 64151. Migwetch  
Roy

## District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho/Hello, Fellow CPN District No. 2 Citizens,

I was up before dawn last Saturday, reviewing notes and gathering up all the items I needed for the naming ceremony for *Shaweno* (Southern Wind), aka Bob Richey. To my dismay, I realized I had misplaced the laminated card I carry that recites the prayer I was taught to use at the start of the ceremony. This got me real worried because I have not committed the prayer to memory, in Potawatomi anyway. (I think I mentioned in my last column that I'm not finding the language easy to learn, but I am trying.) But eventually I was able to find another prayer I could use, courtesy of Justin Neely's posting it to the Potawatomi website under the Language section.



*Moccasins that Bob Richey/Shaweno hand-made.*

I realized how important I thought it was to share that prayer in Potawatomi with Shaweno and his family and how it would be good to share it with everyone in District #2 and other readers of this column. So, here is that prayer, as well as the prayer I mislaid, and a song, in Potawatomi but with its origins in Cherokee.



*Shaweno and Ojindiskwe*

1. **Potawatomi Prayer** (We say this to begin our Legislative sessions and often use it to begin a naming ceremony):

*Potawatomi/English  
N'Wi Madmo/I am going to pray.  
Mamogosnan, K'wabneshnok jayok.*

/Grandfather God, watch over everyone.

*Shuwan meshnok.Mene'dokum nesh-nok./Have pity on us, think peacefully of us.*

*Eh mingoyak m'no bemadzahwin./We are asking for a good life.*

*Megwetch, jock shegahgo gahgeshtoyen./Thank you for everything you have created.*

*Megwetch,/Thank you  
eh-gee-mingo-men gug wis Jesus. E'oh.  
for giving us your Son, Jesus.  
Amen.*

2. Another Potawatomi Prayer is available in audio only at [potawatomi.org](http://potawatomi.org), under Language, click Prayers Recorded April 19, 2010.

3. A third Potawatomi Prayer is printed in Justin Neely's Conversational Potawatomi handbook, on page 15. The handbook is posted on my website at [http://www.evamariecarney.com/documents/Conversational\\_Potawatomi.pdf](http://www.evamariecarney.com/documents/Conversational_Potawatomi.pdf). Justin includes a pronunciation guide with the text, so visit the site for that guide. The text is:

*Ahaw Mamogosnan  
Migwetch Jak she gego ga gishtoyen.  
Ewi madmoygo mtено Mno bmazewen  
mine jitmowen.*

*Lowabmeshnak ndenwenbagnek.  
Igwien Io.*

And the heart of the prayer, in English, is: Creator, Thank you for everything you have created.

4. **The Morning Song** (An audio clip of Justin singing this song in Potawatomi is available at <http://mrziegler.com/morning.html>.) This song originates with the Cherokee and was translated into Potawatomi by Don Perrot. The Cherokee version can be heard at YouTube. Type in "Cherokee Morning Song." Believe me, you'll enjoy it. Alternatively, it is on Robbie Robertson's fantastic CD, "Songs for Native America."

*Potawatomi/English  
Eneshkeyan ngom/As I rise from bed today*

*Eneshkeyan ngom/As I rise from bed today*

*Eneshkeyan/As I rise from bed  
Eneshkeyan/As I rise from bed*

Chorus: *HoHoHoHo, HeYa, HeYa, Ya-HeYa, YaHeYa*

*Ebsegwiyan ngom/As I stand up today*

*Ebsegwiyan ngom/As I stand up today*

*Ebsegwiyan/As I stand up*

*Ebsegwiyan/As I stand up*

(Chorus)

*Emigwetchyan ngom/As I give thanks today*

*Emigwetchyan ngom/As I give thanks today*

*Emigwetchyan/As I give thanks*

*Emigwetchyan/As I give thanks*

(Chorus)

*Ebgednogadeyan ngom/As I offer this song today*

*Ebgednogadeyan ngom/As I offer this song today*

*Ebgednoyan/As I offer this song*

*Ebgednoyan/As I offer this song*

(Chorus)

*Emandokasyan ngom/As I do this spiritual thing today \*\**

*Emandokasyan ngom/As I do this spiritual thing today \*\**

*Emandokasyan/As I do this spiritual thing \*\**

*Emandokasyan/As I do this spiritual thing \*\**

(Chorus)

*Edebanayan ngom/As I love today  
Edebanayan ngom/As I love today*

*Edebanayan/As I love*

*Edebanayan/As I love*

\*\* The explanation for this verse is that the simple act of speaking our language is considered a spiritual act.

I hope you will find these prayers and the song meaningful and maybe even incorporate them into your family events and rituals. District #2 citizen and teacher Lowell Ziegler teaches the Morning Prayer to all of his students each year now – he is my example! You may even want to cut out the column and keep it in your wallet or purse; I'd love that. And if you are a praying person, I hope that you do say regular prayers for Jagenogenon – all our relations. I am very sure that there are many Potawatomis who would benefit from your gift of prayer!

Two last requests. 1. Please send me your contact details. Building community is an e-mail by e-mail endeavor. Please make sure you are included! 2. Please look for information on the front page of my website and in your mail about upcoming

events in District #2 still in the planning stages as I write this. I hope to see many of you before this year ends!

Thank you for the great honor of representing you.

*Megwetch,  
Eva Marie Carney/Ojindiskwe(Bluebird-*

woman)

Legislator, District #2

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## District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho Nikan,

The month of September was very busy with us holding our annual budget meeting for our third-quarter Legislative session. In that session, including approval of a \$305 million dollar budget for 2011-2012, we had a resolution that added another 285 citizens to our Nation.

Included were 23 new citizens in District #3. Welcome to: Scott Braugh, Ashley Mercer, Flora Cahill, Kollyn Kennedy, Finley Idol, Sadie Trammell, Jeremy Brown, Joshua Brown, Megan Navarre, Tammy Gish, Jennifer Roy, Lindsey Holeman, Madison Holeman, Caleb Willis, Micah Willis, Josiah Willis, Gabriel Willis, Luke Willis, Cassandra Beasley, Casey Jo Cain, Jacy Cartmill, Jerry Cartmill Jr., and Kathryn Macon.

This month, I'm offering a small challenge in our history for those of you in District #3! In my office are two CPN flags. One is from a very early period (1970s), yet it contains most of the same elements as our current flag (circa 1996) and tribal seal.

The original flag has three logs in the fire beneath the crossed pipe and tomahawk. The other flag, which is our current flag, has seven logs beneath the crossed pipe and tomahawk.

For the first person in District #3 who can e-mail me at [RWhistler@Potawatomi.org](mailto:RWhistler@Potawatomi.org) with the answers to the following questions, I will award the choice of a Pendleton Serape shawl or blanket which comes in seven different colors.

My questions are: 1) On the original flag what do the three logs represent? and 2) on our current flag, what do the seven logs represent?

The winner and answers will be in the



next edition of the *HowNiKan*. Be sure to include your mailing address in the e-mail.

For District #3, the annual area gathering will be held at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort on November 20. Be sure to RSVP by calling 800-880-9880 or sending an e-mail to [JMoucka@Potawatomi.org](mailto:JMoucka@Potawatomi.org) advising that you plan to attend. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

For those of you, who don't get my e-mails about jobs and other opportunities, or announcements, please send me an e-mail address, so you have the scoop on what is happening in District #3.

I am honored to represent you and thank you for the opportunity to serve.

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## District #4 - Theresa Adame

Dear Friends,

It was great to see many of our CPN citizens traveling again to the Gathering of Nations. This year's event was hosted by the Hannahville Potawatomis. The weather was beautiful; with temperatures in the 80s, it was a nice break from the 100-degree weather we had been experiencing in Kansas.

The highlight of my trip was a session titled "women's teachings". I was very naïve about what this would be but I am always open to learning traditional teachings. The presenter was an elder named "Lillie" whom I would estimate to be in her middle-to-late 80s.

After a water ceremony and presenting her with tobacco, she told us her story of living in the woods in a wigwam with her grandmother. She also shared the teachings of a woman's moon cycle. Then others opened up about what they had been told. Sitting with women from several different age groups and tribes willing to talk openly was a very rewarding experience.

On the agenda this fall, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation legislature participated in a program titled "Rebuilding of Native Nations." The workshop was a full-day program facilitated by the University of Arizona. The key point of the program is strategies for governance and development. We have met many times as a governing body for legislative sessions or committee meetings. This was a very valuable experience, discussing the Nation's strengths and weaknesses and where we want to be in the future.

The fall legislative session was also held on the same weekend. At that meeting, the budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 was set. We also voted on enrollment, tribal relinquishments, a grant to expand transportation, and the cross-deputization of tribal officers.

When we talk about 150 years, it seems like a very long time. But, I was thinking



that, if my grandmother was still living, she would be 115 years old. Somehow that didn't seem like such a long time. I mentioned this because we are about to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Treaty of 1861. The treaty reads that it was signed on November 15th at the agency on the Kansas River. It was signed by William W Ross, Commissioner for the United States, and the chiefs, braves, and headmen of the Potawatomi Nation (the spelling contained in the treaty). The 11 articles spell out the details of the sale of 576 acres of reservation land, sale of land to the Western Railroad Company, and use of the land at the St Mary's Catholic Mission.

A full article will be written about the treaty at a later date, but I wanted to make you aware of an upcoming event. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will host a gathering on November 5, 2011 at the Kansas Museum of History at 6425 SW 6th St, Topeka Kansas. The keynote speaker will be Kansas Governor Sam Brownback.

I hope to see many of you at the Rossville Area Gathering, and as usual if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Theresa Adame  
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## District #6 - Rande Payne

I have a t-shirt that is starting to show its age, but I still wear it proudly. On the back is a quote from Chairman Rocky Barrett that reads: "The definition of tribe is family." I believe "family" truly embodies the character and values of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Every member of our tribe, or family, can trace his or her lineage back for generations of Potawatomi ancestors.

So my question is this: what does blood quantum have to do with whether or not you're part of a certain family? Because we are mixed bloods makes us no less a member of the Potawatomi family!

It's really up to the individual member how he chooses to embrace his heritage. There's no reason we can't celebrate and be proud of our Potawatomi ancestry. As I learn more about our heritage and culture, I want to know even more.

Attending this year's Gathering of Nations at the Hannahville Indian Community in Michigan was a great opportunity for doing just that! The language immersion classes were informative and even fun at times. It was very interesting listening to the fluent speakers. Thanks to the CPN Language Department's Justin Neely, Sam Navarre, Randy Schlachtun, and Coby Lehman and Cultural Heritage Center Director Kelli Mosteller, I was able to also visit the Forest County Potawatomi Cultural Center, Library, and Museum. What an awesome experience that was!

And of course, the regalia and the dancing were fantastic! The Hannahville Indian Community tribal grounds are immaculate and well-equipped. Chairman Ken Meshigaud and his whole clan were gracious hosts and treated us like family. And, there's that word again!

Our very own District #1 Rep. Roy Slavin did a fantastic job of representing the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Chairman Barrett's absence. It was an experience I will cherish for a long time. On October 8th, we had a District #6 gathering in Rancho Cucamonga. We spent some time exploring different aspects of tribal government, talked about our naming ceremony, and watched "The Trail of Death" documentary produced by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Cultural Heritage Center. Thanks to Cultural Heritage Center



Director Kelli Mosteller for making it possible for us to have a copy of the DVD for viewing! I also want to thank my wife Kim for organizing lunch and making sure everyone had plenty to eat. Kim kept everyone entertained, giving away a variety of fun raffle prizes, including two copies of the book *Rebuilding Native Nations*. The book is part of the Rebuilding Native Nations course that our Legislature took recently. The course is offered by The University of Arizona's Native Nations Institute and is available to anyone. You can visit them at [www.nni.arizona.edu](http://www.nni.arizona.edu).

My sister Karen and niece Tessla worked hard to help make the event a success.

There were lots of laughs and smiles while everyone made a choker! An abbreviated list of the benefits offered at the district level was presented. If you are interested in receiving the full list of all benefits available to members outside of Oklahoma, simply send me an e-mail at [rande.payne@potawatomi.org](mailto:rande.payne@potawatomi.org). Thanks to all who were able to attend. I had so much fun spending the day with you!



Members of four generations of one CPN family attended the District #6 event on October 8th. From left to right, they are Levi Dorst, Nicole Park-Dorst, Patty Sarratt, and Shirlene Barnes. Patty's birthday was on October 8th, so we made sure we celebrated!

# FireLake Designs

For logoed apparel, company-monogrammed promotional items, and team uniforms!!

I apologize for the late post card invitations. Many members received them just before or the day of the event. Because of the delay in the mailing process, only members on my e-mail distribution list and those that saw the posting on the potawatomi.org website had advance notice. I am truly sorry for this error. Send me an e-mail at rande.payne@potawatomi.org if you would like to be added to my e-mail distribution list. Even if you don't have e-mail, you probably have a family member who does. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Southern California Tribal Area Gathering on Saturday, November 12th at Agua

Caliente Resort in Rancho Mirage, California.

You can read all about it in my next column! Until then ... "In everything set them an example by doing what is good..." Titus 2:7

God bless you and yours,  
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## District #7 - Mark Johnson

Bozho,

On July 30th, the Northern California Tribal Area Gathering was held in Santa Cruz. The gathering was well-attended with more than 70 members and guests. Chairman John Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps were there to answer questions and give a presentation on the culture and history of our great Nation; the members present were also given an overview of the benefits available to them, while lunch was served.

On September 17th, CPN Legislators and Executive officers gathered in Tucson, Arizona for two days of meetings. The first day was devoted to completion of a course on Native Nation Rebuilding that all members of the legislature completed through the Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona. Strategic visioning and planning were the topics of the day. The second day was a quarterly meeting of the Legislature, including the passage of the FY2011/2012 CPN budget.

The Legislature is committed to increasing benefits to the membership in a sensible manner as the Nation's resources grow. One of the best examples of that is in the Tribal Scholarship program. In the fall of 2002, some 138 students were awarded a little over \$41,000 in scholarships. Last year, 2753 students were awarded a little less than \$3.5 million dollars in scholarships, and a little less than \$500,000 in housing assistance for school. Combining the spring and summer semesters of this year, 131 students in California received scholarships. Remember that the spring semester application deadline is December 1, 2011.

November 11th -Veterans Day- will soon



be here. The Nation would like to include all Citizen Potawatomi veterans on our Wall of Honor. Our Veterans' Memorial honors both the living and those who have passed on. If you are an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and are a veteran or if your CPN family member is (or was) a veteran, please take the time to make sure that member/veteran's sacrifice is remembered. Contact the CPN Veterans Wall of Honor, 1899 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801-8699 for more information. Or, you can call Stacy Coon at 800-880-9880 or e-mail her at Stacy.Coon@Potawatomi.org.

Once again, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve you as your District #7 representative. As always, give me a call, and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you might have, or provide you with additional information you might need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to. Please also take the time to give me a call or send me an e-mail with your contact information so I can keep you informed of

the happenings within the Nation and District.

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## District #8 - Dave Carney

Greetings from District #8!

It's my honor to represent you, share what I know of our traditions, celebrate and share good times, and learn what we can from the hard times.

### The Good Times

We will be gathering together at the District office in Olympia on November 12, 2011 to enjoy each other's company, along with homemade food and some crafting. The projects planned will be taught by Oregonians: Pam and Doyle Hodam and Dr. Steve Lynch. The Hodams will be instructing the group on how to make pine-quill coasters and baskets. Dr. Steve will be leading the group in making unique "founding family" boxes. These are wooden boxes with photos, maps, and documents appliquéd on them and then varnished. Post-card invitations are in the mail. Please RSVP if you are able to attend and let me know your founding family name.

I would like to acknowledge all of the folks who helped plan and who participated in the events this summer. The district gathering held in Missoula, Montana was well-attended and a lot of fun. The venue was the Carousel on the Clark Fork River – an old time carousel with hand-carved horses and unicorns. While the noise of the ride was challenging to speak over, the children had a great time. We gathered outside for a talk and dinner then went inside for a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted the history of the Citizen Potawatomi and the future of the Nation.

"Wisest Potawatomi" in attendance was Jean Flechel of the LaClair founding family, a very young 85 years of age. She was honored with a beautiful Pendleton blanket.



Our youngest (and a member of the farthest-travelled family) was two-year-old Sayo Fortie from Fair Oaks, California. Sayo received a Pendleton style stuffed horse from FireLake Gifts.

Throughout the summer we celebrated the naming of about 15 Potawatomis, ranging in age from 2 to 72.

### The Hard Times

Jerry Whitehead (Ogee Family) is a member who has been very active in District #8, especially around drum-making and drumming. Within the last few weeks he has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. He is pursuing both traditional western medicine and Native American ways. This seems right to me and a road that the Citizen Potawatomi have walked since European contact. Part of the Native traditions he is exploring has been done with the guidance of Joseph Four Bear of the Omaha Nation (from Nebraska). Mr. Four Bear is also a cancer survivor. Jerry has shared his personal journey with me and I share it with you:

"Last Friday I drummed and meditated on a rose while drumming. I put the bad cancer on it, letting it drop off. I didn't know Joseph Four Bear had called over eight people for a drumming and healing the same time I was meditating and drumming."

Earlier in the week, Jerry participated in a healing cerebration with 17 drummers, three Christian healers, and Joseph Four Bear on a Pow Wow Drum, and a second row of five drummers. As part of the event,

three women with healing powers put their hands on him. The energy was amazing - so much so, that a glass fell off a nearby counter. Joseph thanked the spirits for coming. Jerry gifted Joseph Four Bears with three eagle feathers and a fourth on behalf of his daughter, Julie. Four Bears presented Jerry with a tobacco pouch with beautiful glass beading.

Jerry is the descendant of several Potawatomi chiefs. Sitting on a Buffalo rug, Jerry visualized his ancestor chief preparing our warriors to go to war, then releasing them to attack the cancer.

I spoke with Jerry today, and his spirits are high. During an active day of golf, a buddy found an eagle feather and gave it to him. Afterward, a neighbor stopped by to tell him that there had been eagles soaring over his house all day.

Please include Jerry in your thoughts and prayers whatever your spiritual belief sys-

tem might be.

Again, please feel free to contact me. It's always good to hear from members both inside and outside District #8. Since we are one big family, it isn't unusual for the representatives to have some cross-over. I prefer e-mail as a way of distributing information, so I apologize to the members who don't "do" e-mail. If that sounds like you, please feel free to drop me a line at the address below. For those of you on the internet, please feel free to look at the newly designed website [www.dave-carney.com](http://www.dave-carney.com) for information and district news. The heritage page has some new additions as well and the password is raven.

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**The Nation-Building Approach** is:

- Native nations assert decision-making power;
- Native nations back up that power with effective governing institutions;
- Governing institutions match Indigenous political culture;
- Decision-making is strategic; and
- Leaders serve as nation-builders and mobilizers.

Under the **Nation-Building Approach** to government, the process involves:

1. Asserting decision-making power;
2. Building capable governing institutions;
3. Establishing a strategic orientation and objectives;
4. Crafting policies that support those objectives;
5. Choosing appropriate development projects and programs; and

6. Implementing projects and programs

Results of the **Nation-Building Approach** are:

- More effective access to and use of resources;
- Increased chances of sustained and self-determined economic development;

-- More effective defense of sovereignty; and

-- Societies that work - economically, socially, culturally, and politically. It is unquestionable that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is so much closer to the Nation-Building Approach in our current history. Perhaps, we are actually there. In this reality, my fellow citizens, you can take tremendous pride, pride in our great national accomplishment! We are a model to other tribal nations.

Migwetch,  
Paul Wesselhöft/Naganit

## District #9 - Paul Wesselhöft

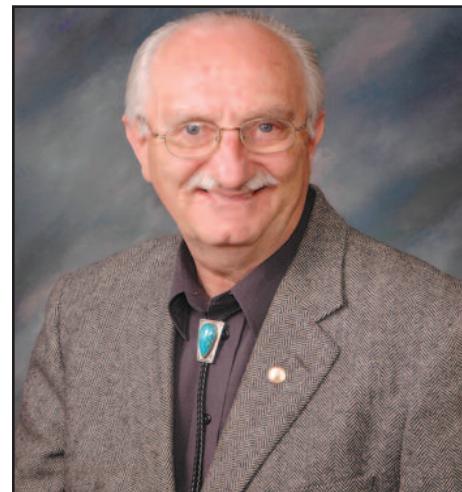
### Nation Builders

Bozho, Nikan!

The CPN Legislature successfully completed a course on Rebuilding Native Nations administered by the Native Nations Institute of the University of Arizona. This course taught our legislators to discern the significant differences between the Standard Approach and the Nation-Building Approach to advancing a tribal nation.

The **Standard Approach** is:

- Decision making is short term and non-strategic;
- Development is treated as primarily an economic problem;
- Indigenous culture is viewed as an obstacle to development; and
- Elected leadership serves primarily as a distribution of resources.



5. Elected leaders micromanage enterprises and programs.

6. Everybody prays that something works.

Results of the **Standard Approach** are:

- Failed enterprises;
- A politics of spoils;
- An economy highly dependent on federal dollars and decision making;
- Brain drain;
- An impression of incompetence and chaos that undermines the defense of sovereignty; and
- Continued poverty and cultural stress.

Under the **Standard Approach** to government, the process involves:

1. The council, chair, president, or chief tells the planner to identify business ideas and funding sources.
2. The planner applies for federal grants and chases other outside sources of funds.
3. The nation starts whatever it can find funding for.
4. Politicians appoint their supporters to run the funded projects.

## District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

Pour yourself just a half-cup of coffee; this column will not require a full cup.

At our latest legislative session, we met for strategic thinking about our Nation's future along with performing our normal legislative functions. This included approving the FY2011/2012 budget.

Entering my second term as your legislator, I have come to realize that we as a nation aren't facing some of the problems other tribes are experiencing, particularly with regard to leadership. What I am referring to is the solidarity, cohesiveness, and co-operation which our Nation's leaders show to each other when working on the Nation's business.

These are the main ingredients for moving the ball down the field toward agreed-upon goals. As your legislator, my responsibility is first to the Nation in ensuring that, before my vote is cast on resolutions, I ensure that we have heard from the committees that all questions have been asked and answered.

After the FY 2011/2012 budget was presented to the legislature for review, I visited with Vice Chairman Linda Capps and the top two people in our Accounting Department, Susan Blair and Becky Cragin. I was able to achieve a comfort level that allowed me to vote to approve the new budget.



Answers that were provided in response to the numerous questions and requests for information and further review ensured me that we are managing our budgeting process with honesty, conservative measures, not over-reaching, and with the planning time that is required to make the budget a strong working budget. This budget allows us to monitor how we are going to successfully accomplish our goals and the beneficial guidelines on "holding our people's feet to the fire" for the upcoming year.

On another personal note, I want to express my privilege and the honor of being able to serve you as your legislator.

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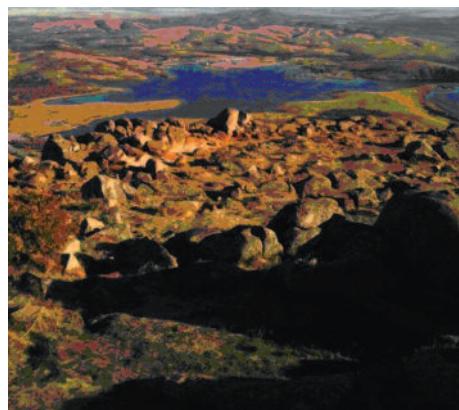
## District #11 - Lisa Kraft

### Road Warriors

I see a lot of Oklahoma from the back of a motorcycle - a Street Glide, that is. You might have seen me on the road smiling and waving at you as if I recognized you. Of course, I'm indistinguishable under layers of Harley gear. You probably thought or said, "Who is that nut?" I'm waving at you with a huge smile on my face because I spotted your Citizen Potawatomi license plate.

A few weekends ago, we were riding through the Wichita Wildlife Refuge near Lawton, Oklahoma and stopped to refuel. We pulled out at about the same time as a white truck. I couldn't believe my eyes when I caught sight of the Citizen Potawatomi license plate. We passed and I turned back to wave excitedly.

We continued our ride to the top of Mount Scott. As I looked beyond the lake, I couldn't stop thinking of that tribal member out there. A Potawatomi might have been looking at the same candy aisle that I was just minutes before. We might have smiled at each other as we stood in line to pay. We walked through each other's life without knowing our shared connection. That is, until I saw their tribal tag.



Harley riders share a passionate connection; they acknowledge each other on the road, display their Harley pride in unique ways, and even gather together to celebrate their Harley heritage. If you ride, you know exactly what I'm talking about. We Citizen Potawatomi do too, but sometimes it's harder to see our cultural pride in everyday settings. This is changing, nevertheless, one tribal license plate at a time.

Since 2005, our Nation has issued 8,404 automobile tags, 362 motorcycle tags, and 155 farm tags. And, while some of these tags have expired, this is an amazing show



of Citizen Potawatomi pride on our Oklahoma roadways. Our Tag Agency issued 1,538 auto tags, 57 motorcycle tags, and 37 farm tags between May 2010 and April 2011, for a total of 1,632 new tribal license plates.

The CPN Tag Agency is a tribal service more than an enterprise, in my opinion. This service saves our Oklahoma members a significant amount of money that would otherwise go to local tag agencies and the Oklahoma Tax Commission. A large amount of what we collect is subsequently given away as gifts in lieu of taxes.

When a member purchases a tribal tag from our Nation, a portion of that money goes to Oklahoma schools depending on the member's vehicle registration address. Last year alone, our Nation took in \$346,451 in new tag and renewal registrations and paid out \$141,674 to 168 local schools. Shawnee schools received the most tribal tag donations at \$18,728, followed by Oklahoma City (\$15,330), Norman (\$6,971), and Tecumseh (\$6,025). This amount will no doubt increase someday when we finally get motorhomes and recreational vehicles tagged.

Cheryl Tainpeah, our Tag Agent since 2007, works tirelessly to process member applications and coordinate with our law enforcement to make sure that tag numbers can be checked for minor traffic offenses by statewide law enforcement. As we demonstrate our ability to process data quickly and provide up-to-date, reliable vehicle registration data to outside law enforcement, we ensure state officials that we have the ca-

pacity to take this system nationwide.

Our original Tag Agent, Vicki Lofton, started as our Court Clerk. She went on to work in our Office of Self Governance, and now works with our Tribal Attorney, Gregg Quinlan. So, you can be assured that tribal efforts continue to get our plates recognized by other states. Tribal members, regardless of where they live, should be able to tag their vehicles with our Nation and display cultural symbolism just as we have the honor in Oklahoma.

Each of us expresses Citizen Potawatomi pride in our own way and perhaps with just as much swagger as Harley riders. Tribal tags are another form of this expression. So, next time you get a chance to renew your Oklahoma vehicle tag or tag your new vehicle, please contact our Nation's Tag

Agency. An application and pricing can be obtained via Ms. Tainpeah's email address at [CFaxon@Potawatomi.org](mailto:CFaxon@Potawatomi.org). She can also be reached by telephone at 405-878-4844 or fax at 405-878-4845.

My car tag is CBLLC. If you see me out and about, please wave. Or, if you find my tribal business card tucked under your windshield wiper in a parking lot, please know I am thinking about you. I hope to see you out on the road or, quite possibly, notice you wearing a Citizen Potawatomi t-shirt next time I'm in the candy aisle.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.

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## District #12 - Paul Schmidkofler

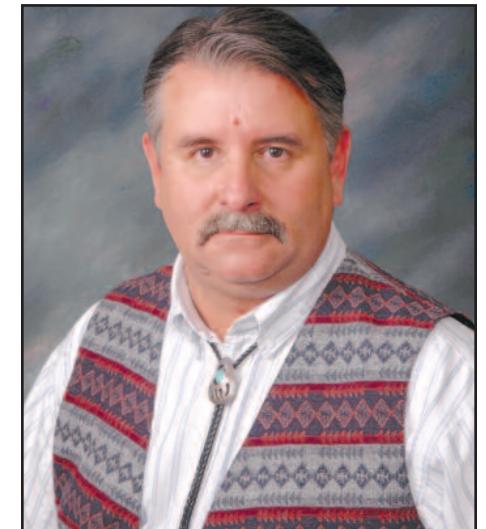
Bozho Nikan,

It appears fall has arrived here in central Oklahoma. After the beating we took this summer from the oppressive heat, it will be a welcome change. This spring, we put in a small container vegetable garden. I fed it fertilizer early on and watered it daily. I took care to keep the pests away. But, try as I might, the vegetables didn't produce. Seems the ambient temperatures were just too hot. So, I have to admit it's good to see cooler temperatures here. The recent rains we've had have been a blessing, also.

About a month ago, I finally gave up and mowed my yard. It had been dry out for quite a while. So, when I mowed my yard, it looked like the dust bowl outside. When I finished and I came in, I was completely covered in dust. Also, my allergies were in rare form for about a week. You can't win for losing sometimes.

I was thinking this summer drought kind of reminded me of when I was a kid. The tribe tried several ventures that just never took off. I wasn't involved enough to know why. I believe the effort was there, they just never really got going. If you weren't close to the success we've had in the recent past, it kind of makes you wonder how we finally got going. It was like it all just took off.

I know there is much more to it than that, as many of you do. Long hours, effort, good business moves, and a little luck I'm sure fit in there somewhere. Also, consistent forward vision has kept us moving. I've talked with some of the elders who were on the



business committee in the past. They know how we got here, the trials we went through. I am thankful to all who preceded me.

There were some scary times back then.

Most of us are aware of where this current success was when it started. So it's amazing how far we have come. Let's hope the fall temperatures are a sign of more good times ahead.

Now that social media has become the tool of the trade, I've also made the jump. I fought it for several years. I have a Facebook account that I didn't use for a couple of years. We set them up at work as some new effort to embrace technology, then that movement kind of fell to the wayside. But, late last year, I started using it more with

my students. Seems this current generation communicates differently than I have.

What I discovered is an excellent way to keep track of friends and family. I want to invite all of you who have and use this new tool to feel free to "Friend" me on Facebook. Just don't expect me to be one of those Facebook experts who seem to know

all the bells and whistles of it. All in good time.....

As always it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great nation. Bama pi and migwetch,  
Paul Schmidkofer

## Vice Chairman Linda Capps

Greetings,

It may be of interest to those tribal members who live outside our Nation's jurisdiction and the State of Oklahoma to compare employment status. First, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has 1,884 full and part-time employees. Our Nation is, by far, the largest employer in the area. We are proud of our numbers and proud of the fact that even with the ongoing economic crunch, we have maintained our employment level. Profits in some enterprises might be down slightly, but we have strived to conserve in order to keep our people employed.

Both unemployment and **underemployment** continue to be a concern for all of Oklahoma, including our immediate area. Although Oklahoma's unemployment rate of approximately **5.2%** is among 11 other states in the low category range throughout the U.S.A. (3.6% - 6.9%), it appears that we can not declare a victory anytime soon. Oklahoma was one of 11 states that showed no change in employment rate from the previous month in August, which is disappointing. However, there was an improvement in the unemployment rate over the previous year - a 1.5% decrease. Oklahoma's unemployment rate today is quite a contrast to **December of 2000** when we reached a low level of unemployment of **2.8%**. It is also a contrast in the other direction when our unemployment rate rose to **9.2% in June of 1983**.

All states provide some partial benefits for qualified unemployed workers. Underemployment has become such a concern for some parts of the country that there is actually an underemployment insurance offered by at least 20 states. This benefit is also referred to as the work-share benefit. The states offering underemployment insurance include Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Ver-



mont, and Washington.

There are six other states presently considering work-share legislation, including Hawai'i, Ohio, Oklahoma, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

Underemployment occurs when your full-time work status has been cut by either your employer or you were laid off and had to accept a part-time position with a new employer. An individual applies for the underemployment benefits the same way he files for unemployment by contacting the Department of Labor in your state.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will see a significant increase in employment during 2012. Flintco has been chosen as the general contractor for the Grand Hotel project, which is in the beginning stages of construction. Flintco will be hiring numerous sub-contractors, skilled tradesmen, and laborers within the next few months. In addition, the Nation's events arena, pizza restaurant, and sports complex will hire many full and part-time employees. Our Nation is blessed as we strive to progress in a slightly depressed economy.

As always, I cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman.  
Migwetch,  
Linda Capps

## Chairman John Barrett

Bozho, Nikan (Hello, my friend),

Greetings from your tribal home. There is a great deal of activity here at Tribal Headquarters and at our other locations with 10 major projects underway. They may seem to be for random purposes but they all contribute toward a common goal. In this letter, I will try to summarize the *Why, How, and What* about activities and projects and describe how they fit into the short-, medium-, and long-term plans for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

The Tribal Legislature and Executive Branch recently held its annual strategic planning sessions along with training in tribal governance. It was conducted by the Native Nations Institute (NNI) in Tucson, Arizona. NNI is a joint effort of the Udall Foundation at the University of Arizona and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. The idea is to identify the steps we should take to keep the tribe headed in the right direction for our traditional "Seven Generations."

The old Potawatomi "Ogemas" (chiefs) made decisions and acted based on the immediate needs of the people, but the guiding consideration of their actions was: How will it affect the seven generations of Potawatomi who are coming to this world after you? The planning sessions were very fruitful and helped our entire elected leadership form a common future vision for the Nation: Improve the quality of life for our citizens and provide opportunities that encourage our people to benefit the tribal culture and benefit from it.

For me, as Tribal Chairman for these many years, the absolute joy I feel in joining in the mixing of ideas and knowledge with all of our legislative and executive people is its own reward. From a historical perspective, it makes me even more aware of the loss we continue to experience from the scattering of our people by the federal government in the last 150 years.

What if we had been able to keep our people and land together for those five generations? Can you just imagine how strong our future would be? With that in mind, isn't our biggest step on the road to that future to stop our "brain drain" - to give these next seven generations of smart and capable Citizen Potawatomi a way to contribute their talent and energy to their tribe and family



in a way that is mutually rewarding?

I have a quote on my desk about my job: *"Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose."*

Working for our tribal Nation, directly or indirectly, does not have to mean you must totally sacrifice yourself or deny your ambitions. It means you can be happier in your life by sharing your abilities with your blood kin so that the next seven generations of your family have more opportunity. In the present day, the job of the Nation's leadership is to grow that *possibility*, and at the same time provide daily services to our people who are in need. That is what all of this building and growth is about. That is the "Why" I mentioned in the first paragraph of this letter.

Next is the "How we do it" part of our development plans. There is a new buzzword in business one hears all of the time: "Synergy." The CPN believes the word is another way to describe the old adage: "Dance with the one what brung ya." In other words, remember what got you where you are. Build on what you have. Innovation is seldom radical. It is usually a series of "half-steps" built on what is in place. That is what we think is smart and prudent. We are using the assets and talent the Nation has in hand to grow - vertically or horizontally.

Now I know that sounds like college business class mumbo-jumbo. What it means in real terms is: we got into the large discount grocery store business with our

own wholesale company by starting with a small convenience store. It means that we got into the geothermal heating and air-conditioning business after we purchased a drilling rig to dig water wells for the Indian Health Service. We bought a bank only after we started receiving our federal funds in large lump-sum amounts and could utilize the money for lending capital. The first is "vertical integration," the second and third examples are "horizontal integration."

As we built the golf course in 1982 and all of the subsequent improvements to Raymond Peltier Park for the annual Heritage Festival, we always knew that it was not just for the seasonal use of local golfers or the one or two times each year we gather to celebrate our heritage. Idle assets are poor investments.

These facilities are part of a broader infrastructure that will ultimately be a world-class tourism destination. Tourism and entertainment is our best way to provide jobs and income for our people while realizing the best use of our land and income. There is no other resort location in the middle of the United States that has a Class "A" RV park, hotel, golf course, bowling center, softball fields, boating and fishing, large performance venue, indoor and outdoor meeting facilities, miniature golf, swimming, restaurants, and groceries, fuel, repair services, and quality casino gaming. By 2013 we will have all of that. We have been building it for 30 years.

We do similar things on our "government services side." By combining our business earnings with federal government contract and grant money, we can make our money do "double duty" - so that when the money is spent, we have gained a permanent, profitable facility that will continue its service when the federal money is gone. And the one thing we know with absolute certainty from our history: it will go. Present day federal funding is temporary, just "seed corn" to be planted for the future.

When the government gets short of money, Indian money goes away first. We cannot base our future on continuing handouts from the federal government. We have nearly been destroyed as a tribe three times in the past 180 years. We survived through the Grace of God and a strong sense of self-reliance. No Indian Nation can call itself "sovereign" if it is not financially independent. The United States government and economy operate under their own version of the "Golden Rule." It is: "If you've got

the Gold, you make the Rules." This sounds cynical but history supports the conclusion. We must be able to shape our own destiny. The dilemma is, how do we balance our present needs with our future?

That is what is so valuable about the planning and training the Tribal Legislature and the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary/Treasurer just experienced. We learn from each other, but more important, they provide input from you. Each of us is a point of contact with all of you. You have selected your representatives in the government by election. It is our oldest tribal process, picking our "Chiefs." Then and now, one thing is vital: Let them know what you think. That is "How" we do it.

The "What" that I mentioned in the first paragraph is pretty lengthy. In the next four *HowNiKan* articles, I will describe the projects in detail, especially how they fit into the "big picture." Photographs of our progress will be a part of each newspaper to show you what is happening until you can get here to see for yourself. Here is the list for now: the West Clinic, FireLake Arena, FireLake, FireLake Bowling, Place of the Fire Casino at FireLake, First National Bank at FireLake, the Softball Fields at FireLake, Fishing at FireLake, The Family Resort at FireLake, the Grand Hotel, the Grand Center Theater, the Fire Place Restaurant, the Family Resort Hotel at Firelake, a Dairy Queen, San Remo's Pizza, our new sewer and water plants, the new streets and bridges, and our new Broadcast and Communications Center.

We are negotiating with two large companies to locate their operations in our industrial park to provide good new jobs. What an exciting time it is to be a Citizen Potawatomi Indian!

I want to thank the other members of our Tribal Government for their dedication and hard work, especially Vice Chairman Linda Capps/Seganakwe. Her 18-plus years of knowledge, experience, and work ethic are invaluable. Our success is the product of many people who strive and sacrifice. I am grateful for each of them. Thank you, the Citizen Potawatomi people, for the privilege of serving as Tribal Chairman.

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John Barrett/Keweoge

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### Bray to miss 4 to 6 weeks

## CPN quarterback breaks thumb, Vols lose



*CPN member Tyler Bray leaves the field with his right thumb immobilized after breaking the thumb in a loss to Georgia's Bulldogs.*

KNOXVILLE, Tennessee - For much of the season, Tennessee coach Derek Dooley bemoaned his team's tendency to give up one or two costly plays. Unfortunately for the Vols, that trend continued in a 20-12 loss to Georgia in front of 102,455 fans in Neyland Stadium on Saturday, October 8.

Possibly of more importance, the Volunteers lost quarterback Tyler Bray, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, for four to six weeks because of a fractured thumb. Bray, who finished with 251 yards on 18-of-33 passing, left the game with about 4 1/2 minutes remaining after his throwing hand slammed into a Georgia defender's helmet.

At this point in the season, Bray has excellent passing statistics: He has completed 65.9 percent of his passes (116-of-176), with 14 touchdowns and just two interceptions. His passing has gained 1579 yards - 315.8 yards per game- for the Vols. (On

Saturday, October 15, playing without Bray, the Vols fell to #1-ranked Louisiana State 38-7.)

After finishing the first half tied with Georgia at 6-6, the Vols surrendered 14 unanswered points in the third quarter and couldn't catch up. One big play in particular - a 73-yard pass to Georgia's freshman receiver Malcolm Mitchell- proved costly. Backed up at his 7-yard line, Georgia quarterback Aaron Murray hit Mitchell on a play-action pass that took the Bulldogs to the UT 22 and flipped the field in a major way.

"That's a huge play. Everything changed after that," Dooley said. "Then we really got affected. Then we gave up a 17-yard run. That was the longest run of the day. That was big. Then it got hard."

With Bray on the bench, backup Matt Simms took over and scored on a one-yard touchdown run to finish off a 14-play, 76-yard drive that made the score 20-12. Michael Palardy's extra point was blocked, and the ensuing onside kick attempt went out of bounds, effectively ending Tennessee's chances.

As difficult as the Vols had it at times against Georgia, it won't get any easier. On Saturday, October 15, UT hosts #1 LSU, which defeated Florida 34-11 on October 8, in Neyland Stadium before traveling to face #2 Alabama on October 22. "We've got one and two coming in," Dooley said. "Nobody's going to feel sorry for Tennessee."

Vols tight end Mychal Rivera wants to make sure Tennessee doesn't spend too much time feeling sorry for itself, either. "We've just got to keep pushing forward. We've got a big week ahead," he said. "We've got a shot to take down #1. That's what I'm looking forward to."

## Attention: CPN Veterans

I am Clyde Yates, a CPN member and Viet Nam veteran. I have trained as a Veterans Services Officer through the VFW, with the training done by certified VA services officers.

If you need any help with your service-connected VA disability claim, please call me at 405-598-0797. Tell the receptionist that you need assistance with a VA claim and need to contact Clyde Yates, service officer. I will return your call and set up an appointment. I will need your name and telephone number.

I look forward to talking to each one of you and helping CPN veterans.

C. 'Rowdy' Yates

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# CPN Legislative Session Minutes

## Quarterly Legislative Meeting February 24, 2011

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale, and Representatives Theresa Adame, David Barrett, Bobbi Bowden, Dave Carney, Eva Marie Carney, Mark Johnson, Lisa Kraft, Rande Payne, Paul Schmidkofer, Roy Slavin, Paul Wesselhoff and Robert Whistler.

Absent: Representative Gene Lambert.

Guests: Charles Clark, Greg Quinlan and Jamie Moucka.

Call to order: Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 8:05pm.

**Minutes from the previous meeting** held on November 3, 2010. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-35-R&G:** A resolution designating co-signators for Indian Preference form BIA-4432. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-36-NR:** A resolution approving the purchase of undivided trust, or non-trust, interests in certain trust allotments within the boundaries of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The motion passed with 14 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-37-NR:** A resolution providing for the purchase of the balance of trust interests in the CP945 Joseph Welch allotment under forced sale conditions and providing for application to the regional director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for such sale. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-38-NR:** A resolution authorizing an application for funding to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans, under the FY2011 Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Program announcement in furtherance of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation goal to manage and control the waters within its sovereign jurisdiction. Motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-39-NR:** A resolution authorizing an application for funding to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans, under the FY2011 Social and Economic Development Tribal Governance Program announcement in furtherance of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation goal to manage and control the waters within its sovereign jurisdiction. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-40-NR:** A resolution approving a fee-to-trust acquisition application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and request for trust ac-

quisition of the (non-gaming/on reservation) Mary Lou Knight property. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-41-NR:** A resolution approving a fee-to-trust acquisition application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and request for trust acquisition of the (non-gaming/on reservation) French II property. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-42-NR:** A resolution approving a fee-to-trust acquisition application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and request for trust acquisition of the (non-gaming/on reservation) Cecelia property. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-43-NR:** A resolution proclaiming and designating one bridge as the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's priority for needed replacement, improvement and/or reconstruction. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-44-TC&A:** A resolution authorizing and supporting the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's application for funding under the FY2011 Tribal Historic Preservation Office Grant program. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-45-TC&A:** A resolution supporting the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's grant application for funding under the Institute of Museum and Library Services' FY2011 Basic Library Services with education /assessment option program. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-46-TC&A:** A resolution authorizing and supporting the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's application for funding under the FY2011 Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services grant program entitled "Keepers of the Fire – Phase III". The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-47-TC&A:** A resolution approving transportation for tribal members to attend the 18th annual Potawatomi Traditional Gathering hosted by the Hannahville Indian Community in Wilson, Michigan and monetary support for the host community. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-48-J&PS:** A resolution authorizing the donation of used police vehicles to the City of Maud, the City of Tecumseh, the City of McLoud, the Pottawatomie County District Attorney's Drug Task Force and/or the Pottawatomie County Sheriff. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-49-J&PS:** A resolution ap-

proving and supporting the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's grant application for funding under the Department of Justice's FY2011 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) to develop a comprehensive approach to public safety and criminal justice. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-50-J&PS:** A resolution approving the procurement and placement of traffic stop signs in Potawatomi and English at intersections located within tribal lands. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-51-LCoE:** A resolution acknowledging the voluntary relinquishment of Loren Ashley Carlile. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-52-LCoE:** A resolution acknowledging the voluntary relinquishment of Crystal Dawn Davis. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 1 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-53-LCoE:** A resolution enrolling 201 applicants into the membership of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-54-App:** A resolution amending the eligibility requirements for Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Aids. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-55-App:** A resolution approving a 2011-2012 annual budget of \$701,000 from the estimated earnings and interest on program money from judgment funds awarded by the United States Court of Claims, subject to approval by the General Council pursuant to Article 5, Section 3 of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Constitution. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

Rep. Bob Whistler publicly thanked tribal members Benton Hall and Michelle Munoz for their efforts with the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas on behalf of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business before the Legislature, motion to adjourn was made by Paul Schmidkofer and seconded by Robert Whistler. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstaining. The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

## Quarterly Legislative Meeting May 26, 2011

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale, and Representatives Theresa Adame, David Barrett, Bobbi Bowden, Dave Carney, Eva Marie Carney, Mark Johnson, Lisa

Kraft, Gene Lambert, Rande Payne, Paul Schmidkofer, Roy Slavin, Paul Wesselhoff and Robert Whistler.

Absent: None.

Call to order: Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

**Minutes** from the previous meeting held on February 24, 2011. The motion passed with 16 voting for, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Minutes** from the previous meeting held on March 30, 2011. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-57-Ed:** A resolution approving the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's "Center-based, Voucher and After School Program Child Care Services" application for funding under the FY2012 Child Care Development Fund offered through the United States Department of Health & Human Services through the Bureau of Indian Affairs 477 Program. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-58-Ed:** A resolution pursuant to Public Law 102-477 regarding consolidation of employment, training and education services. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-59-HHS:** A resolution approving the provision of limited health and wellness services to tribal community beneficiaries not eligible for Indian Health Service funded programs of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Health System. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-60-HHS:** A resolution approving a research study agreement between the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center under the guidelines of a Susan G. Komen Grant for the Cure®. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-61-HHS:** A resolution approving the submission of the "FY2012 Lower Income Home and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)" grant application to the Administration for Children and Families. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-62-HHS:** A resolution approving the submission of the "FY2012 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)" application to the Administration for Children and Families. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-63-HHS:** A resolution approving the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's fy 2012 Diabetes Grant – year 15 proposal to the Indian Health Services under the Special Diabetes Programs for Indian Tribes. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and

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**New Enrollees, cont. from page 7**

Kennedy, Ashley Richelle Kerr, Kailey Ann Kerr, Raymond Wayne Kester, Raymond Wayne Jr. Kester, Olin Scott Edward Kissler, Case Lee Lackey,

Kaiyah Dawn Cynthia Halene Landness, Brock Wesley Larkey, Daniel Dean Long, Hannah Louann Long, Nathaniel Leo Long, Samuel Lee Long, Cody Michael Longo, Dustin Tyler Loyd, Stephen Ray Luce, and Tiffany June Luttjohann.

Kathryn Marie Macon, Alayna Azure Martin, Austin Edwards Martin, Sean Kobe Martin, Skyler Lee Martin, Skyler Lee Martin, Haven Venezuela Maynard, Caden David McAfee, Caleb Anthony McAfee, and Carson Christopher McAfee.

Brianne Miriam Jane McCoy, Ethan Wright McKinney, Nathan Dwayne Jr. McKinney, Maysen Beulah McKinney-Smith, Faith Alexandra McMains, Logan Dean McMains, Elizabeth Lyann Medina, Kara Olivia Meier, Alyssabeth Lee Melot, and Katelyn Maree Melot.

Ashley Erin Mercer, Nicole Kay Merrell, Andi Marie Middleton, Ayden Scott Middleton, John Anderson Miles, Hannah Elizabeth Miller, Jaci Dawn Miller, Jennifer Ann Mocanu, Anthony Wade Moreland, Dominic Jay Morgan, Alyssa Renee' Mudgett, and Amanda Lynn Mudgett.

Brendon Patrick Lee Mudgett, Brett Lee Mudgett, Daymien Skyler Munsell, Megan Nicole Navarre, Ashley Nicole Navarre, Phillip Joseph Navarre, Braxton Lane Ne-gahnquet-Isham, Rita May Nunnally, and Tabatha Marie Nunnally.

Vivian Mallory O'Hara, Alexander William Oles, Sierra Olivia Oles, Thomas Michael Oles, Hugo Andreas Orona Jr, J'Kobe Paul LaMont Owens, Janet Leeann Pearce, Nevaeh Sue Pearce, Amiah Lynn Phillips, and Izaac John Phillips.

Lucy Adele Points, Barry Dean Porter, Morgan Jade Primasing, Erienne Nicholas Ramos, Robert Francis Richard, Haven Rayne Richardson, Winter Snow Richard-

son, Cortney Louise Roberts, Jacob Arthur Roberts, and Emiley Kay Robinett.

Troy Phillip Wesley Robinett, Stefanie Arden Rodgers, Bryson Cole Rothstein, Briana Renee Rowley, Jennifer Lynn Roy, Zillah Marie Rumbo-Abbo, Laura Elizabeth Rushay, Andria Trey Sanders, Phoenix Owen Savory, and Orion David Schmidt.

Kianna Star Shelton, Michael Allen Shelton, Takenya Sky Shelton, Matthew Shane Shelton Jr., Abbigail Marie Shepherd, Colton James Shepherd, Josie Lynn Shepherd, Axel Zane Shobert, Kelly Michael Siebert, Elwood Beckman Smith III, and Whitney Meagan Smith.

Sandra Lou Smith, Easley Grace Snow, Monique Ann Spillman, Amora Rosetta Sprague, Kirsten Lalise Stephenson, Julia Rose Strasbaugh, Angelica Viola Straus, Stephanie Anita Strong, Jackson Vaughn Taylor, and Kevin Wayne Taylor.

Caleb Eugene Thomas, Setde Richard John Torralba, Sadie Marie Trammell, Briana Austin Tredick, Casey Lea Trivett Trivett, Cody Paul Trivett, Juan Antonio Vasquez, Gabriel Owen Gethings Wadman, and Nelson Schalles Storm Wadman.

Ava Renee Wallace, Jessica Nicole Wallace, Tegan Jewel Weddle, Madalynn Rose Welch, Christopher Andrew Welfelt, Kaleb Robert Welfelt, Sherry Ann Weston, Kelly Gene Wheeler, Morgan Bailey Whitten, and Taylor Brooke Whitten.

Collin Parker Wickens, Kendall Ann Wickens, Sydney Dyan Wickens, Caleb Nicholas Willis, Gabriel Stephen Willis, Josiah Drew Willis, Luke Isaac Willis, Micah Samuel Willis, Analisa Marie Wilson, and Owen Carter Wise.

Dalton Christopher Wolf, Daytonna Renee Wolf, Dylan Ryan Wolf, Noble Lee Woods, Nikole Leigh Wright, Edward Joseph Young III, Scott William Young, Wyatt Lee Young and Edward Joseph Young Jr.

### **Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tag Agency Notice**

All Citizen Potawatomi tribal members residing in the State of Oklahoma who are registering a vehicle for the first time that vehicle is registered must do so in person. We apologize for any inconvenience; but this is for the protection of tribal members who have registered their vehicles with the Nation.

Please contact the Tag Agency at 405-878-4844 for information or to register your vehicle.

## **Tribal Heritage Project Seeks Elders 70+**

Created in October 2003 at the direction of Chairman Barrett, the Tribal Heritage Project is a concentrated effort to research and reveal individual family histories to the tribe's members and to capture tribal history as it happens. Using digital video, still photography, audio recordings, and archival documentation, the stories of the original Citizen Potawatomi families are being explored and explained to those who are alive today and archived for the generations which follow to reference. Building on the oral tradition that is central to American Indian culture, state-of-the-art technology is incorporated in the ancient strategy of learning from those who came before.



Individual and family interviews are an integral part of the effort to capture tribal history and an invaluable gift to give to future generations. It is crucial for tribal elders to share their stories before information is lost forever. For this reason, the Heritage Project is renewing its efforts to record Citizen Potawatomi elders who are 70 and older. All tribal members are encouraged to share their stories. However, our elders are considered the top priority.

Recently, a tribal elder recorded his personal story for the Heritage Project and unexpectedly walked on a few weeks after the interview. This case reminds us that time is of the essence; it is never too soon to share your family's history.

CPN members can visit the Cultural Heritage Center at any time to record their story. They can contact Leslie Deer or Curtis Grant at the Tribal Heritage Project, 405-878-5830 or 800-880-9880 to arrange an interview.

The Heritage Project will be recording on-site at the Kansas Tribal Area Gathering on October 30, 2011 and the Texas Tribal Area gathering on November 20, 2011. For more information on interviews at these two locations, please contact Legislator Theresa Adame (tadame@potawatomi.org) for the Kansas Regional meeting and Legislator Robert Whistler (rwhistler@potawatomi.org) for the Texas Regional meeting.

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**The Family Preservation Program seeks to prevent the unnecessary separation of children from their families.**

Services are easily accessible and delivered in a manner that respects cultural and community differences.

*To offer the most appropriate assistance, this program provides:*

#### **PARENTING CLASSES**

Classes are offered that focus on developing parenting skills to strengthen the family unit.

#### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Help with financial needs is offered on a case-by-case basis. This service is meant to assist in temporary or emergency situations.

#### **HOME VISITS**

Visits to the home are to help the parent ensure that there is a safe, nurturing environment for all family members.

*Native American painter subject of 100th anniversary fete*

## Koshares honor CPN artist Woody Crumbo



*At left, Crumbo's "Eagle Dancer" was the first painting acquired by the Koshares. It was dedicated to the memory of Captain Dean Strain, World War II flyer who was shot down over Hamburg, Germany. Strain danced with the troop in Pueblo, Colorado, three months before his death. His body returned to the U.S. and was buried at Fort Leavenworth. Eagle Dancer was purchased by the Koshares in 1949.*

*Upper right, Woody Crumbo (left) and an unidentified person were photographed at the Koshare Indian Museum in the 1950s.*

*Lower right, the Koshare Museum in La Junta is shown in its early days.*

**LA JUNTA, Colorado** - On Sunday, October 2, 2011, the Koshare Indian Museum helped kick off the year-long 100th birthday celebration of the late Woody Crumbo (Citizen Potawatomi), a Native American artist who helped start the museum's collection of Southwest American art.

Crumbo, who died in 1989, was an artist-in-residence for many years at the Koshare Museum and helped with art restoration and other creative pursuits, including introducing several songs and dances of the Potawatomi tribe to Koshare youth groups.

Crumbo was born near Lexington, Oklahoma, and would have been 100 years old in 2012. Jeremy Mayik, program director and curator at the museum, said Crumbo's family participated in the October 2nd celebration with a display of his art and papers and the showing of "The Woody Crumbo Documentary: Spirit Talk."

The 50-minute documentary was created by Minisa Crumbo Halsey, an artist and



*documentary filmmaker and Crumbo's daughter. The documentary was shown to the public at 2 p.m. on October 2 at the museum.*

Crumbo's family kicked off his 100th birthday celebration at the museum. The celebration will continue with tours and exhibitions to other national museums through 2012.

"He was a very significant individual to the Koshare Dancers and to this whole area. He played a key role in promoting Native American artwork," Mayik said. "His paintings were the first purchased by the Koshares even before they started the museum."

Mayik said the first painting the Koshare Dancers ever purchased for their museum was Crumbo's "Eagle Dancer," in honor of a Koshare dancer who died in World War II.

In October of 1968, Woody and his family moved to La Junta, and he became the community's most famous artist-in-resi-

dence.

Crumbo accompanied the Koshares on many of their performance tours. He also helped clean and revarnish many of the paintings in the Koshare collection.

Crumbo became an honorary member of the Koshare Indian Dancers in 1968 and was elected a Koshare Key Leader in 1970.

The Koshare Indian Museum owns many of Crumbo's paintings, including his most famous, "Spotted Wolf's Last Request." This painting commemorates the death of an American Indian soldier during World War II.

"We were really excited to host this event and are proud that his family was here to kick off his 100-year celebration," Mayik said.

According to the Pueblo Indians, the Koshare were the first men. A certain goddess wanted to amuse her companions so she rubbed a ball of skin off herself in order to make the Koshare.

In Navaho legend, the goddess Estsanatlehi used the same method of creation.

Today the Koshare are the clowns who enliven the Pueblo dance with their absurd antics. They perform a critical function, since their satirical comments and posturings on the times are beyond censorship.

### Koshare Dancers Museum

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*Cancer takes suit plaintiff  
Elouise Cobell passes*



*Elouise Cobell speaks at a meeting at the Iowa Nation complex in Perkins, Oklahoma.*

**HELENA, Mont.** - Elouise Cobell, the Blackfeet woman who led a 15-year legal fight to force the U.S. government to account for more than a century of mismanaged Indian land royalties, died on Sunday, October 15, 2011. She was 65. Cobell died at a Great Falls, Montana hospital of complications from cancer, spokesman Bill McAllister said.

Cobell was the lead plaintiff in a lawsuit filed in 1996 claiming the Interior Department had misspent, lost or stolen billions of dollars meant for Native American land trust account holders dating back to the 1880s. After years of legal wrangling, the two sides in 2009 agreed to settle for \$3.4 billion, the largest government class-action settlement in U.S. history. The beneficiaries are estimated to be about 500,000 current and past holders of Individual Indian Money accounts through the BIA.

Shortly before Cobell's death, a federal appeals court in Washington, D.C. issued a ruling that has the potential for delaying payout of the lawsuit settlement for as much as a year. The court ruled that several members of the plaintiff class have the right to have their appeal heard.

These plaintiffs claim that the small group of lead plaintiffs, which included Cobell, had abandoned the interests of others in the plaintiff class. Those plaintiffs want to force the federal government to account for how much money has been lost through BIA mismanagement of the IIM accounts. Arguing for one of those plaintiffs, attorney Theodore Frank claimed the lead plaintiffs abandoned the accounting goal in favor of

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District #2 Rep. Eva Marie Carney: "Bob and Karen Richey travelled up from Charlottesville in mid-July so we could attend the Baltimore Indian Center Pow Wow together. It was a great day of visiting and learning, and we were quite surprised that the participants in the Long Walk III, headed by Dennis Banks, one of the AIM co-founders, were there to open the Pow Wow. (Google Dennis and the Long Walk if you aren't familiar with his role in Native history or the history of the Long Walk.)

"The photo shows Bob Richey and me with Dennis, who at 75 is dedicating his energy now to getting the message out about fighting Diabetes with diet and exercise. I hope you can join us for a future District #2 event!"



### Citizen Potawatomi Chair Speaks at St. Gregory's

St. Gregory's University student Mariah Beauford (right) poses for a photo with Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett recently inside the university's Rockwood Center. Barrett spoke as part of SGU's "Profiles in Success" seminar series. Barrett, a former St. Gregory's board member, spoke about topics ranging from leadership to integrity. Beauford, a freshman kinesiology major from Shawnee, was one of several students in attendance. She participated in the Potawatomi Leadership Program this summer. (Photo by Br. George Hubl, O.S.B.)

## CPN Housing Authority

### One-Time Grant Program

The One-Time Closing Costs/Down Payment Grant Program has assisted many Citizen Potawatomi tribal members with funds to assist with down payments and/or closing costs associated with the purchase, construction, or refinancing of a home. All Citizen Potawatomi members are eligible for this grant one time in their lives – and one time only. The maximum amount is \$2,125.00. It is a grant, and it does not have to be repaid.



The criteria for the program are: the grant cannot be used for any type of mobile home; convicted felons or other household-member felons are ineligible; the home being purchased must be the CPN member's primary residence; and the tribal member's name must be on the loan.

The application must be completed thoroughly and the following submitted:

- Copy of borrower's CPN membership card
- Copy of the "Good Faith Estimate" from lender
- Income verification for all household members (the last three-to-four pay stubs or if with the same employer for several years the last two years of tax returns)
- Name of the Closing Entity (Title Co., Escrow Co., Attorney, etc.). The application and support information must be in the CPN Housing Authority office at least three weeks prior to the closing date. This gives our office enough time to get the paperwork processed and the check mailed back to the tribal member by the specified date.

For more information or an application, please contact Sherry Byers, Homeownership Manager, CPN Housing, at 273-2833 or at [SByers@Potawatomi.org](mailto:SByers@Potawatomi.org).



# Potawatomi Cornerstone

by Charles Clark/Kiktode, Director, Tribal Rolls

## Maneuvering the Blood Quantum Gauntlet

In some respects, the Blood Quantum system imposed on Indian tribes by the federal government is like a radioactive cell intentionally implanted in a human's body. The cell grows, multiplies, and eventually destroys its host.

Think of it this way. As their land was being taken away, our ancestors were boxed up into reservations and reserves. Treaties were not enough to restrict the Indian tribes. Blood Laws were introduced not only to distinguish the races, but to limit colonial civil rights of those who were not pure white Europeans. Blood laws were extended to include mixed bloods that threatened the distinction between the races.

However, the Indian has proven to be most resourceful. No matter how many treaties, acts and laws were enacted, the Indian was here to stay. Some things we will never get back but we were able to re-establish our own destiny and self-determination. We overcame and survived. And now we thrive.

One such regained freedom is tribal membership. As is the case with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, some tribes chose to use descendancy to determine membership eligibility. Meanwhile, others continue to cling to the precept of blood quantum, thinking they'll always have a bigger piece of the pie, when in fact they hold fast to a racial ideology that put them in harm's way in the first place.

The earliest use of blood quantum is found in Virginia in 1705. European Americans issued the Indian Blood Law first to restrict the rights of people who were one-half-blood and more. This blood-quantum philosophy quickly caught on as a way to biologically distinguish Indians from non-Indians through the mixing of blood on all levels.

In "Indian Law and the Rhetoric of Race: Uses of Blood Quantum to Reorganization," author Paul Spruhan states that the definition of "Indian" has always been a source of endless controversy over whether to recognize Indians as a biological race or a political group. But, Spruhan writes, be-

cause tribal membership still involves a biological component, the U.S. Government continues to "...infuse the political category of Indian with seemingly racial distinctions. The use of blood quantum still permeates notions of Indian status, blurring the line between biological and political definitions...."

There is no other race or nation or other group of people to whom Blood Quantum is assigned. No other race will ever be asked at a clinic or to qualify for a federal, state, or local program or in casual conversation, "How much African, Mexican, Spanish, Asian, or European blood flows through your veins?"

### History

Blood quantum is defined as the fractional measurement of the "mixing" of Indian blood. It was first introduced by the English during the early onslaught of colonization. The ruling elite were obsessed with keeping their "superior" race distinct from the "inferior" races. The amount of freedom and rights an individual had was determined by his classification. However, the system would work only if race classes remained identifiable. To keep the races pure, colonial America prohibited the intermixing of races.

The "mixing" of blood tainted an otherwise "pure system," and courts had to deal with these individuals to determine how they would be classified to determine what rights and freedoms would remain or be taken away. This was necessary if the white power structure was to remain in place. A racial mixture as Spruhan writes "...refined notions of whiteness and worked to shield white America from perceived biological corruption..."

The term Mulatto described a mixed-blood as being black and white or black and Indian. When a white male married an Indian female, the husband was known as a "renegados."

Another concern was interracial relationships when it came to the issue of slavery. In the 1780s, states adopted a maternal doctrine to define mixed-race slaves: *partus sequitur ventrem*, from a Roman civil law. The Latin translates to "That which is brought forth follows the womb." Any person descended from a female slave, regard-

less of the status of the father, would be a slave by law, even if he or she had the appearance of an Indian or a white.

The doctrine was challenged in the courts. In 1806, in the case of *Hudgins v. Wright*, a mixed-race slave went before the courts claiming he was descended from a free Indian great-grandmother and should be freed by the very nature of *partus sequitur ventrem*. The judge declared that a person who was visibly black was presumed to be a slave, but that, in the case of a person who looked white or Indian, he or she was presumed to be free, with the burden of proof resting squarely on the adversary.

The ruling created havoc in the courts when slaves went forward to declare their freedom. The burden of proof lay solely on the slaveholders, and many of them did not have documentation showing proof of ancestry of their slaves. Thus, slaves who had the physical characteristics of whites or Indians could claim freedom through the courts.

Adding to the controversy, black male slaves were accused of intermarrying with female Indians so their offspring would be free. This caused some tribes in the Northeast to petition their respective white legislatures to deny benefits to descendants of Indian women who married whites or blacks. They were insistent on adopting a patrilineal descendancy that would disenfranchise mixed-bloods who were not descendants of an Indian father. However, because some of the tribes had already supported these mixed-bloods by accepting federally funded dollars to do so, their claims were refused.

Beginning in 1817, treaties with the Indian Nations referred to individuals as "Indians by descent" or as half-bloods, half-breeds, and quarter-bloods, etc. There is no indication that this was an application of a formal blood quantum system. Rather, it seems to have been used merely to point out physical characteristics. The true nature of blood quantum exposed itself when the amount of benefit payments and parcels of land became determined by these factors.

The argument about who was really an Indian caused many in Congress to wonder who was eligible to receive monetary ben-

efits and land by treaty because so many people were lining up to make claims.

This heated congressional debate came to a head during the 1840s. Some argued that mixed-bloods were not Indians, but not whites either. As a result, they would be classified as non-whites and non-citizen indigenous people.

It was not until 1924 that the U.S. government granted citizenship to Indians with the Indian Citizenship Act. The law granted citizenship to about a quarter-million Indians, based to some degree on where they lived. Loopholes between federal and state control prevented Indians in seven states from receiving full rights because of state statutes and constitutions. A 1948 judicial decision ended that conflict, granting Indians full citizenship status, including the right to vote and the right to pursue claims in state courts. Those are rights that the states were trying to avoid.

Beginning in the 1860s, some Indian tribes and nations received citizenship prior to the ICA by other means - assimilation, military service, renouncing tribal membership, and treaties.

Individuals from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation were some of the first to obtain U.S. citizenship, beginning with the 1866 treaty that set up the requirements for citizenship and the 1867 treaty that extended the application to include women and children. But, those Citizen Potawatomis who had become U.S. citizens were not recognized by Kansas officials as citizens of that state.

Most Indian tribes did not use blood quantum until the government passed the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. Known as the Wheeler-Howard Act, the IRA restored self-governance and sovereignty to tribes.

Those tribes which accepted the blood quantum system saw their numbers diminish over the generations. Some even found themselves excluded because their blood quantum wasn't enough or found to be mixed with other tribes. In many cases, as it is with several tribes today, tribal members are unable to enroll their own children because of the blood quantum cut-off.

Casino per capita payments and other forms of economic revenue have placed *See POTAWATOMI CORNERSTONE on page 28*

# Tribal Area Gathering - Northern California - July 30, 2011



Chairman Barrett presents Dick Johnson with a Pendleton for being the eldest tribal member present. The 89 year-old gentleman is one of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's most decorated military veterans.

The youngest enrolled tribal member present was Jake Thomas Melot from Oakley, CA. Jake will be 12 years old in December.



Jack and Barbara Wooldridge of Santa Cruz, CA traveled the shortest distance to the meeting. Jack is a descendant of the Mars family.



Mark Johnson, CPN Legislator from District #7 maintains an office in Clovis, CA. Mark's family members have long been supportive of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation governmental, educational, cultural and historical activities.



Marilyn and Robert Young of Lincoln, CA talked about the numerous meetings they had attended. Robert is a descendant of the Brant family.



Vice Chairman Linda Capps and Jerome Horbach pose for a picture. Jerome lives in Rough and Ready, CA and is a descendant of the Navarre/DeGraff families, as is Linda.

Charline Ambrose of Nampa, Idaho traveled the longest distance to attend the meeting. Charlene is a member of the Willmett family.



Linda and Ray McAlister traveled from Stockton, CA. Ray is a member of the Crumbo family.



Michael Bourbonnais and his wife of Fresno, CA pose with daughter Michaela Konkle of Clovis, CA. Michael and Michaela are descendants of two popular CPN families, the Bourbonnais and Peltier families.



Don and Mandy Neddeau of Hollister, CA and their son Browning Neddeau of Belmont, CA met at the meeting.



Wayne Nearn and daughter Lisa pose with Lisa's daughters, Jessica and Sarah Homen. They are all CPN tribal members and descendants of the Tescier family. Wayne lives in Greenfield, CA and Lisa and her daughters live in King City, CA.



Katie, Susan and her husband Larry, and Jeff Rodriguez stand with Chairman Rocky Barrett after the meeting. The Rodriguez family members are from San Jose, CA. They are descendants of the Anderson family.



At left, Rep. Mark Johnson addresses his fellow Citizen Potawatomis.

The Tribal Area Gathering was held at the Hilton-Santa Cruz/Scotts Valley in Scotts Valley, CA

At right, the Thomas family: Suzanne Lydia, Dorothy Ann Elizabeth, and William live in Atwater, CA. Suzanne and Dorothy are descendants of the Tescier family.

# Family Reunion Festival 2011



Members pay a visit to the Cultural Heritage Center to learn more of their heritage.

The Chess Tournament forced contestants to dig deep into their knowledge of strategy.



Two more youngsters are more easily traceable and identifiable in an emergency because of the Children's Fingerprinting booth.

Language Program Director Justin Neely (in red baseball cap) works with fellow Potawatomis on their drumming skills.



A cadre of clowns, a half-clown car's worth, fashioned balloon animals to the Potawatomi children's delight.

*A backdoor cut seems in order to put points on the board in the Basketball Tournament.*



*The Reunion Festival Archery Tournament is popular, and drawing more entries each year.*



*The generational transfer of knowledge in the Beadwork Class was inspiring.*



*There is serious focus involved in a competitive match in the Checkers Tournament.*

*CPN youngsters dance the afternoon away, one of many children's activities that made Festival very enjoyable.*



*Sister Virginia Pearl is Potawatomi-charming in a photo from the shoot by CPN member Sharon Hoogstraten of Chicago.*



*Sister Virginia Pearl leads the Sunday church service.*

*The Fringe-Making Class brought together Potawatomis of all ages and both genders.*



*A Fry-Bread assembly line is operating a lot more smoothly than anything Henry Ford ever envisioned.*



*Debbie O'Bannon is eager to learn Applique techniques from Peggy Kinder.*

*There is math afoot as Dominoes Tournament contestants add up their scores from fives and tens, spinners and double spinners.*



# Family Reunion Festival/General Council

Potawatomis packed the Long Room in the Cultural Heritage Center for the 2011 General Council meeting.



Jon Boursaw (with American flag) and Lyman Boursaw (with eagle staff) lead the CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard into General Council.

Vice Chairman Linda Capps enjoys the book of photos of CPN members in regalia that renowned photographer/CPN member Sharon Hoogstraten shot at the 2010 Festival.



Vice Chairman Linda Capps and CPN member Brenda Arambula enjoy a post General Council meeting chat.



Election Committee chairman Gary Bourbonnais turns over election results to Chairman John Barrett.



Newly-reected CPN legislators Bobbi Bowden, Lisa Kraft, and David Barrett wait for their swearing-in ceremony.



Art contest winner/Tribal Rolls Director Charles Clark/Kiktode accepts his prize.



Class of 2011 Potawatomi Leadership Program members gathered at General Council. From left, they are counselor Austin Ross, Selena Crowley, Jordyn Snow, Mariah Beauford, Justin Van Vleet, Kylie Lowe, Matt Beil, Susannah Basappa, Eric Bruno, Lakota Pochedley, and Austen Roselius.



CPN elder Kenneth Peltier accepts a Pendleton blanket, emblematic of his being "Wisest Potawatomi" at General Council 2011.



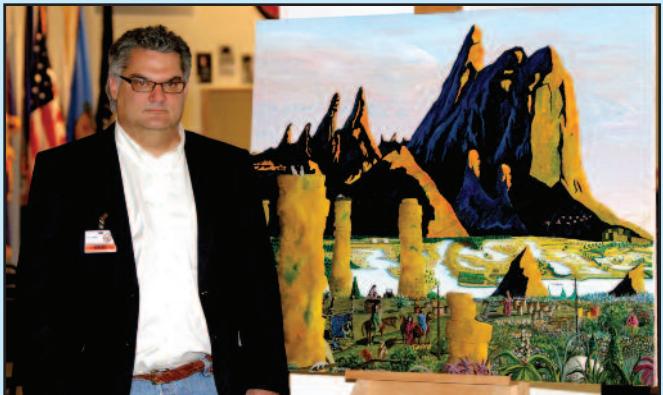
Kay Konkel, left, and Clara Cottrell listen and learn during the General Council meeting.

Dixie Morgan Quinn took time off from her law studies in Arkansas to enjoy all that a CPN Family Reunion Festival offers.



Chairman John Barrett displays the eagle feathers that Jennifer Randell (foreground) presented to the Nation to complete its eagle staff. Ms. Randell, manager of the CPN eagle aviary, which is currently under construction, is a CPN member.

# Family Reunion Festival 2011 - Family and Fun



*CPN member Charles Clark, who is also a published author, poses with his painting, which won top prize in the CPN National Art Contest.*

*Competition was, always, heated in the Traditional Hand Games, whose popularity is increasing rapidly with each year's Festival.*



*With a quality course to test their skills, the golfers among the CPN membership flock to the Family Reunion Festival Golf Tournament.*



*Thomas McRoberts and his son enjoy the Saturday afternoon gourd dance.*



*District #1 Rep. Roy Slavin is enjoying the Traditional Hand Games.*



*100-year-old Nila Locke poses as Sharon Hoogstraten, a CPN member and renowned photographer prepares to record her portrait. Dr. Shelley Hoogstraten-Miller, Sharon's sister, is assisting.*



*The CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard leads the way into the arena for the Saturday night dancing.*

*Chairman John Barrett greets CPN World War II veteran Johnny Barnes as he is honored by the Vets Organization. Then-CPNVO Commander Keith Cagle observes.*



*Michael McKinney's Komodo Dragon was easily the most unusual pet in attendance at Reunion Festival 2011.*



*A good ball fake seems to have opened up a lane for a drive to the basket in this Youth Basketball Tournament game.*



*A couple of horseshoes fly through the air as tournament action heats up.*



*The Volleyball Tournament plays out "Under the Big Top," and the action sometimes becomes rather furious.*

# Citizen Potawatomi Nation Progress



The new FireLake Arena will seat some 4,500 when completed and will be host to trade shows, concerts, livestock events, and other gatherings. The photos above show the Arena's north and south entrances.

FireLake Softball complex will feature six playing fields and a state-of-the-art concessions area and announce booth. The quality dugouts and seating are taking shape, as seen in the bottom photo.



Residents have begun moving into the 24 new duplex units at Father Joe Murphy elder housing complex. They feature roof-mounted solar panels and geo-thermal heating and cooling to significantly reduce electricity costs for the residents.



Construction of the new First National Bank branch, located just west of the CPN Administration Building, is moving along rapidly. The new facility will allow drive-through banking convenience for FNB customers and greater visibility for the bank.

The top photo shows the facility from the southeast corner, looking northwest. The bottom photo gets up-close, looking at the facility's interior from the south (drive-through) side.

A project finished recently, the new FireLake Bowling Center, is being heavily used by people who live in and around Shawnee, Oklahoma.



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some tribes in a catch-22 situation. It's not a question of paying employees but the amount of a per capita payment a tribal member receives: the fewer the members, the larger the per cap check.

Far be it from me to question how another tribe conducts its business, but my personal thought is that there is strength in numbers; the greater the population the better the chance that the tribe will be here tomorrow – and well into the future.

Tribes living on reservations tend to have higher blood quantum requirements than those whose members live off-reservation. This allows for more isolation from non-Indians, lessening the opportunities for intermarriage. Further, some of these tribes require that members live on the reservation; they risk being taken off the rolls if they move off for a certain length of time.

Critics assert that blood quantum has done more than just reduce membership. They say it has created racism within the tribes. Some tribes base the size of per capita payments on blood degree. This can be a source of animosity. But, political control by blood degree can become a more serious issue.

While some people, in my working experience, take issue with blood quantum it is less of a concern in tribes that use lineal descendancy than those that have blood quantum guidelines. Only 5% of the federally recognized tribes use descendancy, i.e. a biological parent on the roles as a prerequisite for membership.

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a \$3.2 billion settlement and also deprived other plaintiffs of an opportunity to opt out of the settlement.

Frank estimates that arguments in this appeal will not be presented to the D.C. court until early 2012, at the soonest.

Asked in a 2010 interview what she wanted her legacy to be, Cobell said that she hoped she would inspire a new generation of Native Americans to fight for the rights of others and lift their community out of poverty. "Maybe one of these days, they won't even think about me. They'll just keep going and say, 'This is because I did it,'" Cobell said. "I never started this case with any intentions of being a hero. I just wanted this case to give justice to people that didn't have it."

The most common issue occurs when a tribal member is forced to look for another tribe outside of his own to have his children placed on the rolls. It can be a difficult task because not only must the parent meet the membership criteria but his children must, also. That tribe gains, but the other has lost something more important. Members might divvy up a bigger piece of the pie, but the part that makes them strong is reduced.

There was never a concern about tribal community and belonging before the Colonial mindset of a caste system contaminated the North American continent. Their biggest legacy is fractionalization, racism and discrimination. The mixing of blood doesn't make any human any less a person. What makes a person is how he thinks of himself.

Three-hundred years ago, the colonials asked what an Indian is. They thought it was all about blood. That attitude translated into centuries of hypocrisy that many tribes were duped into accepting. The blood doesn't make the Indian, it is the person who stands for what the culture is and does whatever is necessary to ensure that it is there for the next generation.

As a Citizen Potawatomi, you are by membership a full citizen with the same rights and privileges as everyone else. Your blood degree does not change who you are within the tribe. A blood quantum would be like asking, "How much American are you?" It doesn't make too much sense, does it?

President Barack Obama released a statement that said Cobell's work provided a measure of justice to hundreds of thousands of Native Americans, will give more people access to higher education, and will give tribes more control over their own lands. "Elouise helped to strengthen the government to government relationship with Indian Country, and our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family and all those who mourn her passing," the statement read.

Congress approved the Cobell suit settlement President Obama signed it in December of 2010, a year after it was first proposed. A federal judge approved the settlement in June.

**Legislative Actions, con't. from page**

0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-64-HHS:** A resolution authorizing the approval of a loan/grant agreement from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for Rural Water District #3 waterline extension backup water supply. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-65-NR:** A resolution approving a fee-to-trust acquisition application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and request for trust acquisition of the (non-gaming/on reservation) Graham-Jackson property. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-66-NR:** A resolution approving a fee-to-trust acquisition application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and request for trust acquisition of the (non-gaming/on reservation) Riverside Car lot. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-67-NR:** A resolution approving leasing of allotments, in which the Citizen Potawatomi Nation owns an undivided trust or non-trust interest, for agricultural, mining, housing, economic development or right-of-way easement purposes. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-68-NR:** A resolution supporting the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's grant application for a fy 2012 Clean Air Act Section 103 Tribal Air grant through the Environmental Protection Agency. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-69-ED&C:** A resolution approving the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Industrial Park infrastructure application for funding through the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-70-ED&C:** A resolution authorizing the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation's proposed Microenterprise Program application for funding through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under the FY2011 Indian Community Development Block Grant program. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-71-LCoE:** A resolution ac-

knowledging the voluntary relinquishment of Kenneth LeRoy Burnett. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution #11-72-LCoE:** A resolution acknowledging the conditional relinquishment of Tammy Lee Daniels. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-73-LCoE:** A resolution acknowledging the conditional relinquishment of Rylee Elizabeth Daniels. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-74-LCoE:** A resolution acknowledging the conditional relinquishment of Brandt P. Daniels. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-75-LCoE:** A resolution enrolling 206 applicants into the membership of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-76-J&PS:** A resolution approving a cross deputation agreement by and between the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the City of McLoud, Oklahoma. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-77-J&PS:** A resolution approving a cross deputation agreement by and between the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the city of Shawnee, Oklahoma. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Resolution 11-78-J&PS:** A resolution approving and supporting the fy 2011 Family Violence Prevention Services grant application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Ordinance 11-03-J&PS-11-03-T12:** An ordinance amending the Criminal Sexual Conduct Code of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business before the Legislature, the meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

**Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority**

The staff of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority invites you to visit their new office at 44007 Hardesty Road, three miles east of the CPN Administration Building.

Get in-depth information on all of the Housing Authority's programs to help place Citizen Potawatomi members in better-quality housing.

Call 405-273-2833 or 800-880-9880 (toll-free) or contact the Housing Authority via e-mail at [recarried@Potawatomi.org](mailto:recarried@Potawatomi.org).